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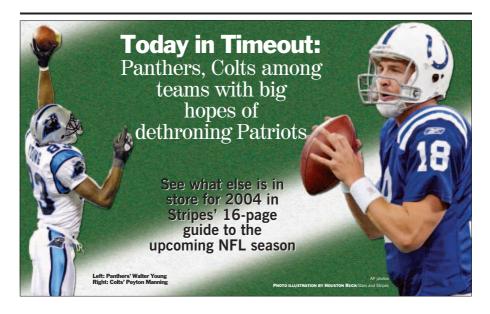
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States

Sniper trial: Prosecutors said Wednesday that the judge in the sec-ond death-penalty case of convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad should remove himself from the case because he improperly conducted his own investigation into a critical pretrial dispute.

The motion filed by Fairfax County, Va. prosecutors alleges that Judge Jonathan Thacher improperly interviewed witnesses and obtained documents that are central to a defense motion seeking to dismiss the case on the grounds that Muhammad's right to a speedy trial was violated.

Thacher delayed the start of the trial until next year

N.J. governor: A federal judge in Trenton said he would rule within a week on a law-suit requesting that New Jersey voters choose Gov. James E. McGreevey's interim replacement in a special election

U.S. District Judge Garret E. Brown Jr. heard arguments Wednesday in the suit filed by two Princeton lawyers who contend that McGreevey essentially vacated his office when he announced Aug. 12 that he was gay, and said he had an extramarital affair

with a man and intended to resign Nov. 15.

Lawyers for the state argued that McGreevey has not officially resigned because he hasn't submitted a letter of resigna-

Wrestling death: A teen whose life sentence in the beating death of a 6-year-old playmate was thrown out on appeal went before a judge Wednesday in Miami on chargviolated his probation by walking

around late at night with a pocket knife.

Lionel Tate, now 17, had been the youngest child in modern U.S. history to be given a life sentence. When he was freed from prison in January, he was given a year of house arrest and 10 years probation.

If he is found to have violated his probation, the judge has discretion to put the teenager behind bars again for anywhere from a few days to life.

Gay marriage: Saving the state constitution broadly guarantees equality, a judge struck down Washington's ban on same-sex marriage and set the stage for an appeal to the state Supreme Court

Thurston County Superior Court Judge Richard Hicks said the guarantees of equality are violated by the state's 1998 Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman and bars



Iraq debt relief: German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, left, shakes hands with Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer during a meeting in Berlin on Thursday. Al-Yawer is visiting Germany to discuss the reconstruction of Iraq.

same-sex civil marriage.

Shuttle flights: NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe said Wednesday the cost of fixing all the problems with the space shuttle fleet could top \$2.2 billion - double the estimated price tag given to Congress a year ago.

O'Keefe, testifying before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee in Washington, also said it was not clear whether damage to Kennedy Space Center from Hurricane Frances would result in a delay of the anticipated launch next spring of Discovery

Water park lawsuit: The families of three children and an adult who drowned in a water park in Fort Worth, Texas, filed a lawsuit Wednesday, claiming the city and others ignored safety warnings about the swirling pool that sucked the victims to their

The lawsuit asks for more than \$1 million on each of 72 counts, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its online edition.

World

Kashmir violence: A surge of violence across Indian-controlled Kashmir, including a land mine attack and gunbattles, left at least 13 people dead, police said Thursday. Separatist rebels fired on paramilitary soldiers patrolling in forests after soldiers

asked them to identify themselves, a police officer said on condition of anonymity in Jammu, the winter capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state.

A fierce gunbattle followed in which two soldiers and two rebels died, he said

Bosnia mass graves: Forensic experts have exhumed 100 bodies from a single mass grave in northwestern Bosnia dating to the 1992-95 Bosnian war, an official said Thursday.

The grave likely contains more bodies, said Jasmin Odobasic, an official with the missing persons commission in the Muslim-Croat part of the country.

Asian hird flue A man in Thailand has died of bird flu, the first human casualty in the country since the disease re-emerged in Asia in July, officials said Thursday in Bangkok

The victim, who raised fighting cocks, was in the habit of sucking blood and other fluids from the mouths of his roosters when they were injured during fighting, the health ministry said.

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Accused vigilantes ask U.S. to intervene

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Lawthree Americans charged with torturing suspects in a private jail during a freelance hunt for terrorists in Afghanistan appealed Wednes-day to the U.S. ambassador to help stop their trial.

The American attorneys also released a videotane showing one of the prisoners discussing a plot to kill Afghan ministers and saving he had a relative who worked for Osama bin

Jonathan Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett were arrested July 5 when Af-ghan forces stormed a house in the capital, Kabul, finding eight men who complained they had been tortured.

Idema, a former U.S. soldier and convicted fraudster claims he was working in close cooperation with the U.S. Defense De-partment — something U.S. officials deny

The men are being tried in Afghanistan and face up to 20 years in jail if convicted on charges that also include kid-

napping. The lawyers declined Wednesday to comment on what evidence they could present showing the d had official backing, in a possibly decisive court session ex-

pected on Sunday. But they urged U.S. Ambassa-dor Zalmay Khalilzad to join them in asking for the charges to be dropped. They said the case was too complex for Afghan legal officials to handle Court sessions since July 21

have been chaotic because of sloppy procedures, inaccurate translation and constant interruptions from the dock by Idema. Robert Fogelnest, a New

York-based attorney represent-ing Caraballo, a TV journalist, said he and a lawyer for Idema had written to Khalilzad but re-

ceived no response.

Idema has claimed that he was hot on the trail of bin Laden, whose capture carries a \$50 million bounty, and other top terrorists. He says the FBI wanted him stopped because he

was showing them up.

In the videotape, a man who identifies himself as Ghulam Saki says his brother-in-law was sent by the Taliban to work at the al-Oaida leader's militant training camps

According to the lawyers, the brother-in-law became bin Laden's security chief.

It is unclear what period Saki, who was detained in June. was talking about.

Lawyers already played a tape in court showing Saki de-scribing how he was paid to commit acts of terrorism. Saki. who was seated in the court room, told reporters his confes sion was false and that he'd

U.S. jets strike Fallujah, Tal Afar

Forces also enter Samarra to help its City Council

BY DANICA KIRKA The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - U.S. troops and their Iraqi allies launched crackdowns Thursday against anti-government forces in widely separated parts of the country, sending warplanes against insurgent strongholds in two cities and restoring Iraqi state control in a

Dozens were reported killed in the two air attacks

In another show of force, Iraqi soldiers raided the Najaf office of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to search for weapons.

None was found but the search marked the first time Iraqi forces had entered al-Sadr's office since an agreement last month ended weeks of heavy fighting in the Shiite holy city

American warnlanes hammered Tal Afar, a northern city near the border with Syria that lies on smuggling routes for weapons and foreign fighters. The operations are intended to return the city 30 miles west of Mosul to interim Iraqi government control, the military said.

The U.S. military said 57 insurgents were killed in the attack. Nineveh province health chief

Dr. Rabie Yassin said 27 civilians died and 70 were wounded. It was unclear whether any of those reported by the Iraqis as civilians vere counted as insurgents by the Americans.

In Fallujah, American warplanes fired missiles on a building suspected of housing associates of Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zargawi. It was the third straight day of airstrikes in the Sunni extremist stronghold.

At least nine people were killed, including two children,



An Iraqi soldier guards the road near radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's office Thursday in Naiaf, Iraq, Iraqi security forces' search for weapons at al-Sadr's office left them empty-handed

said Dr. Ahmad Thair of the Fallujah General Hospital. Elsewhere, American and Iraqi

forces entered the central city of Samarra for the first time in months to try to reseat the City Council and regain control

Local leaders in the Salahuddin province of which Samarra is the provincial capital, and the U.S. 1st Infantry Division have taken necessary steps to return the city normal, said Maj. Neal

O'Brian, a spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division

The troops that entered the city will have joint traffic control points in the city and will also open the Samarra Bridge, the

U.S. officials agreed to go into the city after meeting with council members and other officials Wednesday in Tikrit, said Taha al-Hendaira, the head of Samarra's city council.

Despite the formal end of the U.S. occupation on June 28, the interim Iraqi government lost control over key Sunni Muslim cities such as Samarra as well as Fallujah and Ramadi. Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, acknowledged that it could be months before U.S. and Iraqi authorities are prenared to take those cities back.

Maj. Gen. John Batiste, who leads the 1st ID. said he had offered a deal to insurgents under which they would be free to leave Samarra or to remain inside as long as they stopped fighting. It was unclear Thursday whether the insurgents had actually accepted any kind of proposal.

Military intelligence officials said they believe a hundred or so guerrillas, including some 40 for-Saudis, Sudanese and Jordanians — were the biggest obstacle to Batiste's

Elsewhere, dozens of Iraqi se curity force officers raided al-Sadr's office, said one Iraqi police officer, who identified himself only as Maj. Yasser. He said no weapons were found but that ammunition and mortars were confiscated from nearby houses.

"We received orders from the Iraqi government to search al-Sadr's office and the area around it. The inspection went on without problems and people who were in the office, including its director, Sheik Ali Smeisim, coordi-nated with us." Yasser said.

The search is a sign Iraqi security forces are trying to further consolidate their grip on the area around the Imam Ali Shrine compound, once under the control of al-Sadr and his followers. It also indicates the cleric and his group may be unwilling to create ten sions that might threaten the existing peace deal.

Also Thursday, U.S. warplanes detonated roadside bombs in a sprawling Shiite slum in eastern Baghdad, a U.S. military official said. At least one person was killed and four injured in the strikes, officials at al-Sadr Gener

al Hospital said.

Iraqi death toll in tens of thousands

BY BASSEM MROUE The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - While America mourns the deaths of more than 1,000 of its sons and daughters in the Iraq campaign, far more Iraqis have died since the United States invaded in March 2003. No official, reliable figures exist, but private estimates range from 10,000 to 30,000 killed across the nation.

At Sheik Omar Clinic, a big book records 10,363 violent deaths in Baghdad and nearby towns alone since the war began last year - deaths caused by car bombs, clashes between Iragis and coalition forces, mortar attacks, revenge killings and robberies

The violent deaths recorded in the clinic's leather ledger come from only one of Iraq's 18 provinces and do not cover people who died in such flashpoint cities as Najaf, Karbala, Fallujah, Tikrit and Rama-

Iraqi dead include not only insurgents, police and soldiers but also civilians caught in crossfire, blown apart by explosives or shot by mistake - both by fellow Iraqis or by American servicemembers and their multinational allies. And they include the victims of crime that has surged in the instability that followed the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime. Adding to the complexity of sorting out what has

happened, the records that have been kept don't al-

ways say whether a death came in a combat situation or from some other cause.

The prospect of violent death is the latest burden

statement said.

for a people who suffered through decades of war and a brutal dictatorship under Saddam, whose regime has been accused by human rights groups of killing as many as 300,000 Iraqis it deemed ene-

"During Saddam's days, killings were silent. Now the killing is done openly and loudly," said Ghali Karim Hassan, who lost his 31-year-old son, Ghaid-He said Ghaidan was killed in Naiaf when a dem

stration called by radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr led to a gunbattle with coalition troops, mainly Spaniards and Salvadorans.

officials said they didn't have the resources to track civilian deaths during the U.S.-led occupa-tion, which ended officially June 28. Iraq's central orities also haven't reported comprehensive figures on civilian deaths.

Iraq Body Count, a private group that bases its figures in part on reports by 40 media outlets, puts the number of civilian deaths since the conflict began at between 11,793 and 13,802.

Hazem al-Radini at the Human Rights Organiza-tion in Iraq said his group estimates the toll at more than 30,000 civilian deaths.

2nd BCT suffers first combat death

The 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team suffered its first combat death in Iraq earlier this week, the Department of Defense confirmed

Thursday.

According to a Pentagon news release, Staff Sgt. Gary A. Vail-lant, of the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, was killed Sun-day when his tank ran over an anti-tank mine. The incident occurred near Khaldiya, the release said.

Vaillant, 41, was a native of Trujillo, Puerto Rico. A family memorial is planned in his home town, officials said; there was no word Thursday on whether a me morial service would be held by the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea.

Some 3,600 members of the South Korea-based 2nd Brigade are on a one-year deployment to

From staff reports

BY ROBERT WELLER

The Associated Press

DENVER - Military officials on Tuesday dropped criminal charges against a soldier accused of forcing an Iraqi civilian to jump to his death from a bridge over the Tigris River.

Sgt. Reggie Martinez. 24. was initially charged with involuntary manslaughter in the Jan 3 drown ing death of 19-year-old Zaidoun Hassoun near Samarra

Martinez received a nonjudicial judgment in the case, meaning he will not face criminal proceedings or jail time.

A similar judgment was given to another soldier, Spc. Terry Bowman, 21, who was accused of assault for allegedly forcing a second man into the river. That man survived

Details of the judgments were not disclosed, Army officials said.

Involuntary manslaughter charges are still pending against a third enlisted soldier, 1st Sgt. Tracy Perkins, 33.

The three men from Fort Carson's 3rd Brigade Combat Team admitted forcing two Iraqi curfew-breakers to jump in the river. though they said both men made it safely to shore

Also Tuesday, their commanding officer waived his right to a hearing to determine whether he will be court-martialed

First Lt. Jack Saville was charged with involuntary manslaughter and attempting to cover up a death. He also faces an aggravated assault charge from a senaincident in December. Saville's attorney did not return calls seeking comment

Defense attorneys have disputed the circumstances of Hassoun's death after he and his cousin were picked up for being out after curfew. They said investigators bungled the case by not exhuming the body and doing an autopacknowledged

Investigators they never saw the body, saying they relied on the word of relatives and a video made by Zaidoun's Hassoun family that shows a corpse in a coffin.



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Drowning | Retired brass urge new prison abuse study

BY PAULINE JELINEK

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon is under increasing fire for its handling of the prison abuse investigation, as some retired military officers call for an independent commission to get to the bottom of the four-month-old scan-

Their appeal came a day before Thursday's hearings by the Senate and House armed services panels, which were reviewing the two latest reports ordered by the Defense Depart-

"We cannot ignore that there are now dozens of well-documented allegations of torture. abuse and otherwise questionable detention practices" eight former generals and admi rals said Wednesday of prisons in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

In-house Pentagon probes don't require sworn testimony, don't have subpoena power and are examples of the military trying to police itself, the officers said in a letter to President Bush

Most of the officers had backgrounds in military law

The Pentagon says a probe headed by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger was independent, but its members were appointed by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who has been criticized in the scan-

An Army investigation headed by Mai, Gen. George Fay concentrated on which military intelligence officers at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq could be charged with crimes under military law. But Fay's group also said the Army's top commanders in Iraq shared some blame for management failures

The Schlesinger report looked at Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay as well as Iraq and at military police, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Rumsfeld as well as intelligence officers in Iraq. It concluded that while lower ranking soldiers might be charged, some blame could go to the highest levels of the Pentagon for inadequate supervision and failure to adapt to developments

A Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee said Wednesday that months of piecemeal military investigations have left of-ficials and the public without a full idea of exactly what happened and who is responsible.

"It's about time we had an investigation that is complete and answers all the questions. Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island said in telephone conference with several reporters.

The scandal created international revulsion four months ago with disclosure of photographs showing troops threatening prisoners at Abu Ghraib with dogs, posing them in sexu al positions and keeping detainees naked and hooded

Though defense officials said the photos portrayed the actions of a few bad apples, the controversy has grown to include probes of some 300 allegations of detainee deaths, torture or other mistreatment, some during interrogations to gather intelligence.

Abuses occurred as long as nearly two vears ago - among prisoners taken in the campaign to rout al-Qaida from Afghanistan.

Critics say fault may ultimately rest with White House and Pentagon leaders for creating confusion when they decided in early 2002 that terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay did not fall under Geneva Conventions and then sought to redefine longtime rules of detention, interrogation and trials to suit the counterter-

Reed decried what he called "the corrosive effect of ignoring laws and regulations.

"After a while, the rules are anybody's guess," he said.

The retired military leaders who wrote to Bush were Rear Adm. John D. Hutson, Navy Judge Advocate General from 1997 to 2000; Brig. Gen. David M. Brahms. Marine Corps senior legal adviser from 1983 to 1988; Brig. Gen. James Cullen, former chief judge of the Army Court of Criminal Appeals; Maj. Gen. John L. Fugh, former Judge Advocate General of the Army; Lt. Gen. Robert Gard, currently a consultant in international security: Vice Adm. Lee F. Gunn, Inspector General of the Department of the Navy until his retirement in August 2000; Gen. Joseph Hoar, a former commander of U.S. Central Command; Brig. Gen. Richard Omeara, who served in the Army's Judge Advocate General Corps

Hoar is part of a group of retired diplomats and military officers who has said Bush should be voted out of office because his policies damaged U.S. national security interests and America's standing in the world. Gunn is among 12 retired generals and admirals who have endorsed Bush's Democratic rival John

Hearing delayed for GI held in slaying of Iraqi driver

HANAU, Germany - A hearing for a U.S. soldier charged with murdering a driver for militant Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in Iraq was put off Thursday after the court failed to establish a video link with witnesses in the United States

The testimony in the case of tank company commander Capt. Rogelio Maynulet now is to be heard Friday, part of an investigation to determine whether he should be court-martialed, hearing officer Maj. Michael J. Fadden said.

The witnesses are based at the U.S. Army's Fort Polk in Louisiana. Fadden also extended hearings

by a day until Monday after the defense said it had more witnesses to call. The latest sessions were originally scheduled to end Friday

Maynulet, of Chicago, is accused of murder and dereliction of duty in the killing of the Iraqi on May 21. He denies the charges.
On Wednesday, a fellow officer testified that

Maynulet told him he shot the driver out of pity be cause the man was critically injured in action and could not have been saved.

At the Article 32 hearing, the military version of a grand jury investigation, prosecutors are trying to prove to Fadden that there are "reasonable grounds" to send the case to a court-martial.

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National Guard memo: Bush refused order

BY PETE YOST
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Addressing questions that have lingered for years, newly unearthed memos state that George W. Bush failed to meet standards of the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam war, that he refused a direct order and that his superiors were in a state of turmoil over how to evaluate his performance after he

was suspended from flying.

One military official "is pushing to sugarcoat it," one memo says of a proposed evaluation of

Bush.

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failure to meet annual physical exfailure to meet annual physical exAug. 1, 1972 memo by a superior
officer, LL GOJ Jerry Killian, who
is now dead. Killian, said in the
memo that he wanted a formal inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the flight suspension.
No records have surfaced that
one was ever conducted.

"I conveyed my verbal orders to commander," Killian's memo

stated.

The same memo notes that Bush was trying to transfer to non-flying status out of state and recommends that the Texas unit fill his flying slot "with a more seasoned



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George W. Bush sits in an F102 fighter jet while serving in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War. Newly uncovered records have raised more questions regarding Bush's military service.

pilot from the list of qualified Viet-

nam pilots that have rotated."
The Vietnam-era documents add details to the bare-bones explanation of Bush's aides over the years that he was suspended simply because he decided to skip his

flight physical. The White House said in February that it had released all records of Bush's service, but one of Killian's memos stated it was "for record" and another directing Bush to take the physical exam stated that it was "for 1st Lt. George W. Bush." "I can't explain why that wouldn't be in his record, but they were found in Jerry Killian's personal records," White House communications director Dan Bartlett told CRS's "60 Minutes II" which

first obtained the memos.

Bartlett said Bush's superiors granted permission for him to train in Alabama in a non-flying status and that "many of the documents you have here affirm just

A memo dated May 19, 1972, five days after Bush was supposed to have completed his phys-

ical, summarizes a telephone discussion with Bush about how he "can get out of coming to drill from now through November." It says Bush was "told he could do ET for three months or transfer." ET referred to equivalent training, a procedure for meeting training requirements without attend-

ing regularly scheduled drills.

The same memo says "we talked about him getting his flight physical situation fixed" and quotes Bush as saying he would "do that in Alabama if he stays in a flight status." It also says, "I advised him of our investment in him and his commitment."

Democratic Party chairman
Tym Acalliffe said, "George
W. Bush's cover story on his National Guard service is rapidly unraveling... George W. Bush
needs to answer why he regularly
misled the American people
about his time in the Guard and
who applied political pressure on
his behalf to have his performance reviews 'sugarcoated'

Bartlett told CBS, "As it says in your own documents, President Bush talked to the commanders about the fact that he'd be transferring to a unit... in Alabama that didn't fly that plane," the F-102, the type Bush was trained in.

the type Bush was trained in.
Using only last names, one of
the newly disclosed documents
points to sharp disagreement
among Bush's superiors in Texas

over how to evaluate his performance for the period from mid-1972 through mid-1973.

"Staudt has obviously pressured Hodges more about Bush," Killian wrote on Aug. 18, 1973. "I'm having trouble running interference and doing my job — Harris gave me a message today from Grp regarding Bush's OETR and Staudt is pushing to sugar coat it. Bush wasn't here during rating period and I don't have any comments from 187th in Alabama. I will not rate."

Grp refers to a military unit and OETR stands for officer efficiency training report.

The memo concludes: "Harris took the call from Grp today. I'll backdate but won't rate. Harris agrees."

At the time, Walter B. Staudt was commander of the Texas National Guard; Lt. Col. Bobby Hodges was one of Bush's superiors in Texas who two years earlier had rated Bush an outstanding young pilot, and Lt. Col. William D. Harris Jr. was another superior of Bush's

Asked about Killian's statement in a memo about the military's investment in Bush, Bartlett told CBS: "For anybody to try to interpret or presume they know what somebody who is now dead was thinking in any of these memos, I think is very difficult to do."



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Victims of sniper shootings settle with gun maker, dealer

BY REBECCA COOK

SEATTLE — Victims of the Washington, D.C.-area sniper shootings and their families have settled claims against the maker of the gun used in the spree and its dealer for \$2.5 million, an agreement the plaintiffs' lawyer said would change practices in the firearms industry.

Bushmaster Firearms of Windham, Maine, agreed to pay \$550,000 to eight plaintiffs. Bull's Eye Shooter Supply of Tacoma, the gun dealer where the snipers' Bushmaster rifle came from, agreed to pay \$2 mil-

The settlement with Bushmaster marks the first time a gun manufacturer has agreed to pay damages to settle claims of negligent distribution of weapons, said Jon Lowy, a lawyer with the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Lowy, who helped argue the case, also said the settlement with Bull's Eye Shooter Supply is the largest against a gun dealer. "These settlements send a loud and clear message that the gun industry cannot turn a blind eye to how criminals get their guns," Lowy said.

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Kelly Corr, the attorney representing Bushmaster, said the company
made "no admission of liability whatsoever" and that the settlement
was an economic decision.

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry is greeted by supporters Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kerry tackles health care

By Mary Dalrymple
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said Thursday that President Bush has failed to hold down increasing health care costs during his four years in office, citing a new report that showed a double-digit increase in insurance premiums for the fourth

"Health care just has this unlimited ability to keep going up every year, and people can't keep up with it. President Bush for four years has had an opportunity to try to deal with this, and he has no plan at all," Kerry said.

"In fact, he's been busy losing people's coverage."

Kerry also pointed to a record increase in Medicare premiums while he talked about health care with several hundred voters at a medical center in Iowa. Democrat Al Gore captured the state's seven electoral votes in 2000 by less than 5,000 votes.

Robert Blendon, a health policy expert at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, said polls show that Iowa's relatively older population ranks health care higher in importance this election year than

many other states.
"In Iowa, this will be important," Blendon said.

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The nonpartisan Kaiser Family
Foundation reported that employer-sponsored family health care
premiums grew 11.2 percent for
the year ending last spring. That
was the fourth straight year of
double-digit increases, though it
was down from the 13.9 percent

of the previous year.
At the same time, the percentage of workers receiving health care from their employers fell from 65 percent in 2001 to 61 percent in 2004.

Kerry says he wants to help more businesses offer health care by requiring to the federal government pick up 75 percent of catastrophic health care costs, a plan the campaign estimates will lower premiums 10 percent on av-

He would give small businesses a tax credit to help employers bear the rising cost of health in-

Bush says Kerry tax-cut plan will hurt economy

Hecklers forcibly removed from campaign event

BY DEB RIECHMANN The Associated Press

COLMAR, Pa. — President Bush woose suburbans swing voters Thursday with hopeful words about the economy, contending his administration is making progress for American workers and portraying rival John Kerry as a tax-and-spend Democrat.

"America will reject the hidden Kerry tax plan," Bush said during a speech at a Christmas figurine factory. "Raising taxes will be bad for our economy. Raising taxes will be bad for the small-business sector of America."

Kerry has proposed rolling back tax cuts only for those earning more than \$200,000 a year, or about 2 percent of taxpayers, and has rejected claims by Bush that middle-class taxpayers would see a rise in taxes under Kerry's economic plan.

Bush appeared at Byers' Choice, a company Robert and Joyce Byers started in their kitchen in the late 1970s, to target suburban swing voters in two counties near Philadelphia that Democrat Al Gore captured in 2000.

At the same time, Kerry's campaign was running new TV ads tailored to Philadelphia and Johnstown, Pa., accusing Bush of breaking his promises to strength-



President Bush addresses a crowd of supporters at Byers Choice in Colmar, Pa., on Thursday. Bush's speech focused on the economy.

en Medicare and curb rising health care costs.

Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said Kerry would cut taxes for 99 percent of all businesses and contended that Bush had made "wrong choices" that turned record surpluses into record deficits. Bush lost Pennsylvania to Gore in 2000 by 4.2 percentage points.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll released Wednesday showed a tight race in the state, with 48 percent support for Bush and 47 percent for his Democratic challenger.

In Colmar, Bush reiterated economic themes he laid out in his acceptance speech at the Republican convention, saying that he believes the appropriate role of the federal government is to help people improve their own lives by creating more opportunities for ownership.

Kerry has argued that Bush's policies benefit only the wealthy and squeeze the middle class. The Democrat also says Bush's program has not produced a significant number of jobs and has burdened the federal deficit.

Bush was following his visit to the Philadelphia area with a campaign rally in Johnstown.

Bush's opening remarks in Colmar were disturbed by the shouts of a handful of hecklers, all of whom were forcibly removed from the event, one pulled out by her hair. Two of the demonstrators held signs that appeared to call for more money for AIDS.

Bush smiled tightly as the protests erupted and pointed at the second demonstrator. His supporters roared, "Four more years!"

Hurricanes could affect November vote

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Two devastating hurricanes have given President Bush something his political advisers couldn't dream up: the chance to play comforter in chief in a battleground state he is determined to win again.

Both Bush and Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry deny any attempt to play politics with the devastating storms that struck Florida. But if there's any advantage to be had, it probably goes to the president.

Both candidates postponed Florida campaign appearances because of Hurricane Frances, but Bush was able to use the power of incumbency to fly in, survey the damage and reassure storm-battered residents.

Bush made his third trip to Florida in 3 ½ weeks on Wednesday. He helped distribute packs of bot-tled water, bags of ice, food and brought \$2 billion in fresh emergency assistance. Images of Bush hoisting supplies into a line of idling cars and urging residents to "Hang in there," were shown repeatedly on local television news.

After Charley hit last month, Bush rode through ravaged downtown Punta Gorda by motorcade, stopping to talk to residents. One victim who lost her bakery and whose home was severely damaged quipped that, "It would have been nice if he put on a pair of gloves and helped us."

Kerry visited a week after Charley, though all he

could offer were hugs and conversation. He issued a statement after Frances expressing concern for residents and encouraging the public to support relief agency efforts.

Bush's campaign and state Republican leaders are being careful not to link any role Bush plays in the recovery to his re-election, saying they are not asking for nor receiving his schedule for post-hurricane trips, nor interfering in any was

"It's hard to gauge what, if any, advantage a president would have in coming to Florida to deal with hurricane relief efforts. That being said, I think it's important that Floridians see action rather than words," said Joseph Agostini, spokesman for the state Republican Party. "If this results in political gain, then so be it, but that is not the focus of the relief efforts."

Florida decided the contested 2000 election in Bush's favor by 537 votes, and the president is campaigning hard to win here again by a larger margin. Both candidates wants its 27 electoral votes, ho fourth-biggest prize on the road to the 270 votes needed to win the White House. The visit Wednesday was Bush's 27th as president.

Likewise, Kerry's campaign is saying little about the storms and politics. He has made eight visits this

"Now is not a time where we want to speculate about politics or political impacts," said Kerry campaign spokesman Matthew Miller.

"The entire state is focused on recovery and that's ppropriate."



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Keys told to evacuate as

Florida readies for Ivan Latest storm could arrive as early as Sunday night

BY ADRIAN SAINZ

The Associated Press

MIAMI - Tourists and residents were told Thursday they will have to leave the Florida Keys to avoid mighty Hurricane Ivan. even as Floridians still struggled with the destruction and misery left by Hurricanes Frances and Charley

Forecasters said Ivan - which strengthened early Thursday to 160 mph - could reach the island chain as early as Sunday, making it the third hurricane to hit Florida in a month. The last time three hurricanes hit Florida in single season was 1964, when Cleo, Dora and Isbel hit the state.

Charley struck southwest Florida on Aug. 13 with winds of 145 mph, causing an estimated \$6.8 billion in damage and 27 deaths.

Frances hit the state's eastern coast early Sunday with 105-mph winds, leaving \$2 billion to \$4 billion in insured damage and at least 16 dead in the state. An electric worker died Thursday cleaning up Frances debris

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said "people are at wits end" from the two previous hurricanes but officials and residents have no choice but to prepare for a third.

"There is no other option other than to work hard, to prepare and to develop the logistical plans that

are already frayed," Bush said. Should Ivan strike Florida it would be the first time since 1950 that two major hurricanes - ones with top sustained winds of at least 111 mph — hit Florida so close together.

Jim Lushine, warning coordination meteorologist with National Weather Service in Miami, said Ivan could make history. "We could have three of the most intense storms to ever hit Florida in one season that we know

about, anyway," Lushine said. Ivan already has killed at least 16 people as it tears through the Caribbean, the most powerful hurricane to hit there in a decade. Ninety percent of the homes in Grenada were damaged, looting

erupted and a prison was destroyed, leaving criminals on the loose

At 11 a.m., Ivan's center was about 430 miles east-southeast of Kingston, Jamaica, or about 980 miles southeast of Miami It had top sustained winds of 160 mph.

National Hurricane Center forecasters predict that Ivan could hit the Florida Keys as a Category 4 hurricane, with winds of 131 to 155 mph, late Sunday or early Monday.

A single highway links the low-lying islands with mainland Florida. The last time everyone on the Keys were told to evacuate in 2001 for Hurricane Michelle, a 135-mph storm that wound up missing a direct hit on the chain. Officials estimated that only 15 percent of Keys residents

"I don't think that people will think twice when we tell them it's a Four heading right at us. I think they will be pretty responsive," Monroe County emergency manager Irene Toner said

9/11 panel: TSA needs to cover more ground

BY LESLIE MILLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Terrorists blow up subways, trucks and ships as well as airplanes, but the Transportation Security Administration doesn't have a plan yet to defend all forms of trans nortation from attacks

In a 20-page addition to the report it issued in July, the indenendent commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, at-tacks said most of the TSA's resources have been devoted to protecting aviation.

"Other transportation modes are at risk and have significant vulnerabilities," said the report, which was made available on Wednesday.

The commission recommended that the Homeland Security Department and the TSA, one of its agencies, come up with a final plan by Feb. 1 to protect passengers, equipment and facil

President Bush on Wednesday told congressional leaders that, "We've got to do every thing we can to protect the homeland."

The Sept. 11 commission addendum showed how much needs to be done just to protect transportation. Its 94 recommen-dations — expanded from the handful included in the July re-

port - include developing recovery plans to restart key transportation systems after a terrorist attack, checking travelers' names against terrorist watch lists before they board passenger trains or cruise ships, and setting priorities based on risk assessments.

Oregon Rep. Peter DeFazio, the ranking Democrat on the House aviation subcommittee made the report available, said the government has done only about 10 percent of what it should be doing to protect transportation.

"No one could look at this and say we've done everything we can do, or are in the process of doing everything we can do, to make the country safe," he said.

Brian Jenkins, counterterrorism analyst for the RAND Corporation, said tough decisions have to be made about the most important targets to protect be-cause resources are limited.

"Do you spend lots of money on terminals, shopping malls, train stations, bus depots?" Jenkins said. "None of these decisions are easy

Jenkins said the country's two biggest transportation vulnera-bilities are mass transit and ports "There's limited things we

can do" to protect them, he s "We're going to have to live with some of the risk.'

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Poll: 3 years after Sept. 11, fear runs deep

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WASHINGTON - Americans today are as fearful of becoming victims of terrorism as they are of losing their jobs or having their homes burglarized

Almost all of the people questioned in an Associated Press poll say they remember what they were doing when they learned about

the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and seven in 10 say those memories are among their most vivid.

In a measure of the trauma of Sept. 11, the AP-Ipsos poll found that 98 nercent remember exactly what they were doing three years ago when hijackers flew jetliners into the World Trade Center and Pentagon, killing almost

Those memories can resurface with the most routine cues - a plane flying overhead, a siren from a passing ambulance or news about the ongoing war in

"I hardly go to Manhattan any more," said Andre Garcia, a 20-year-old student from the Bronx borough of New York City. "I don't call it a fear, I call it 'me being safe.' I don't want to be over there when it happens."

Dawn Davis, a 40-year-old working mother in rural Arkansas, remembers hearing about the attacks that day, turning on the television and staying glued to the set for the rest of the day, watching the Twin Towers collapse, people fall-

ing to their deaths, pedestrians fleeing in the streets. "I just stayed on the couch, crying all day," she sometimes thinks, "It could be a plane ready to bomb where we live."

For most, the dominant feeling about that day was deep anger that anyone would commit such an act against this country, the poll conducted for the AP by Insos-Public Affairs found, Republicans and Democrats were equally likely to say they felt that way.

Juan Jose Torres, a 32-year- old eighth-grade teacher from Laredo, Texas, says that after the attacks his students overwhelmed him with questions he couldn't answer.

"I had to admit I didn't know what was going on," Torres said. "I just freaked out."

"The memory pops up from time to time," he said. "If I hear a siren, the first thing I think of is 9/11. If somebody screams, I think about 9/11."

Women were more likely than men to worry about being victim-ized by terrorists, but they were also more likely to worry about other things such as a burglary or having a car accident.

eople react as they look down New Heather Rojo, a 26-year-old wife and mother from Pierre, S.D., says she feels insulated from terrorism now, after feeling threatened when she and her husband lived in Orange County. Calif

"The times the worry pops up with me is when we fly a couple of times a year she said. "I actually have chosen to drive instead of flying."

When people are asked who they blame for the terrorist attacks, they are most likely to name the terrorists themselves, but seven in 10 said they think the CIA deserves some blame. Almost that many fault the FBI and airline security.

Memories of Sept. 11 persist Do you remember where you

33%

27%

Rarely

The events of Sept. 11, 2001. are etched in the minds of an overwhelming majority of people polled, and many worry about being victimized by

terroriem

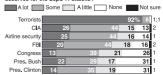
were and what you were doing when you first learned of terrorist attacks? Yes 98% No 2% How concerned are you that

How often do you worry about becoming a victim of terroriem?

your family might become a victim of a terrorist attack? Not at a Not too

31%

How much of the blame do you think each of the following deserves for the Sept. 11 attacks?



NOTE: Poll taken between Aug. 27-29; 1,000 adults; margin of error ±3.1

SOURCE: Ipsos-Public Affairs for AF

said. Now when she hears a plane go overhead, she

Firefighters work through the rubble of the World Trade Center after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Experts say the air at the site contained a number of carcinogens that could cause health problems for emergency responders and others at the scene for years to come

Experts warn 9/11 health woes could take years to detect fully

BY DEVLIN BARRETT The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A patch work of post-Sept. 11 health screening programs will not detect increases in more serious, long-term illnesses like cancer, experts told Congress Wednesday.

Doctors and government investigators told a House subcommittee it could take decades to detect all the health woes stemming from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack and subsequent cleanup around New York's World Trade Center

The two most common conditions found so far are lung damage and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The government is currently funding six separate health screen ing programs to monitor those who came into contact with dust from ground zero in New York Each program is run senarately: none are funded beyond 2009.

Dr. Stephen Levin, who heads Mount Sinai Medical Center's Sept. 11 health screening pro gram, said that time frame would not catch any cancers caused as a result of exposure

"In this witches' brew of airborne materials found at and near ground zero were a number of carcinogens, including asbestos and the ... cancer-causing chemicals in tobacco smoke. said Levin

The doctor said about half of the first responders reporting symptoms 10 months after the attacks suffered from at least one lung problem, like wheezing, cough, or shortness of breath. An equally high rate were still showing signs of psychological distress, Levin said

Remains ID job to wind down

The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - A company whose software is credited with helping to identify many of the Sept. 11 victims is scaling down its efforts nearly three years after the terrorist attacks.

Work to identify the remains of the people who died that day will continue as science advances, but the New York chief medical examiner's office will soon notify the families of the dead that it has done virtually everything it knows how to do with current technology.

It was the software created at

Gene Codes that made most of the 1,571 successful World Trade Center victim identifications pos-sible by reducing data-crunching time from as long as two weeks to five minutes

York's Fifth Avenue toward the

World Trade Center after planes

crashed into the towers on Sept.

11. 2001. Seven in 10 of Ameri-

cans polled say memories of that

day are among their most vivid.

Two years ago, the remains ,402 victims had been identified. DNA testing yielded most of the ID matches, because the bodies had been so badly burned and pulverized that dental records and other methods were fruitless.

The ID process has gotten increasingly tougher since then, vielding 169 more matches as investigators tried new techniques to extract DNA from tiny samples



DOD shares blame in financial scams

By SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Strings

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon shares the blame for companies swindling servicemembers. two lawmakers said Thursday during a congressional hearing on a bill aimed at banning the sale of certain types of mutual funds and life insurance on military bases

'The [Department of Defense] needs to be called on the carpet for this," said Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite, R-Fla. "Why are they not abiding by their own rule, that being 1344.7? What I think they're doing is a wink-and-a-nod approach to this, and that's just wrong. The DOD let them down by letting [servicemembers] be captive audiences. ... The DOD has a lot of answering to do. It's absolutely shame-

The cited regulation states, in part, that solicitors are permitted to pitch products so long as they are licensed and are allowed on bases by installation commanders.

Commanders are prohibited from "solicitation of recruits, trainees, and transient personnel in a 'mass' or 'captive' audience. making appointments with or soliciting military personnel who are in an 'on-duty' status, [and] soliciting without appointment in areas utilized for the housing or processing of transient personSome companies hire military retirees

who then pass themselves off as financial advisers — as opposed to salespeople — and convince young members to buy services they can't afford, don't need or offer such little value for the high premiums that they no longer are sold on the commercial market, witnesses and lawmakers said.

nel, in barracks areas used as quarters, in unit areas, in family quarters areas, and in areas provided by installation commanders for interviews by appointment.

These provisions are regularly violated, Brown-Waite said. The DOD could not provide

comment by press time.

Army Spc. Brandon Conger, 20, testified that he lost \$2,000 when he invested in a mutual fund through American Amicable Life Insurance of Texas

In his third week of basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., Conger said his drill sergeants assembled his platoon to meet with "financial advisers," and those drill sergeants even encouraged the young solders to make "the good investment" and that they'd "make lots of money," he said

"The experience was a disappointing ordeal for me and my fellow soldiers. Not because I lost money, but because of the misrepresentation of a former soldier who used his contact to gain the trust of young soldiers, said Conger, now with 2nd Battalion, 325th Aviation Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division

Some companies hire military retirees who then pass themselves off as financial advisers as opposed to salespeople - and convince young members to buy services they can't afford, don't need or offer such little value for the high premiums that they no longer are sold on the commercial market, witnesses and lawmakers said.

The Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises of Committee held a hearing Thurs day to address a bill introduced by Rep. Max Burns, R-Ga., that would ban the sale of questionable financial products such as life insurance and mutual funds on military bases, both in the United States and overseas

Beyond laying blame on the insurance companies, which law-makers and witness labeled as "a few bad apples" in the business Rep. David Scott, D-Ga., joined Brown-Waite in blaming the military for failing to protect the typical victim, the young, unassum-ing servicemember with a median age of 24 years and earning less than \$30,000 a year.

going on within the military it-self." Scott said

"It's shameful that these unscrupulous, shall we say insur-ance agents, are allowed to go into barracks [to speak] to confused soldiers under pressure, training and preparing to go over seas to risk their lives, and they are swamped with very complex financial details, life insurance and contractual plans. ... What is so disturbing is that these are yeterans taking advantage of young enlisted men.

Industry representatives also testified in support of Burns' bill to an extent, but warned that lan-guage that is too broad could hurt companies who do provide legitimate and appropriate ser-

Lawmakers and industry representatives said the military should provide better financial education to troops, letting them

know that a young member with no dependents doesn't need long-term life insurance, for example. Commanders keep lists of solicitors banned from their bases, but rarely share those with other

commanders, officials

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Senator proposes unified command for military intel

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON Va - Georgia Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss introduced a bill Wednesday to create a unified combatant command for military intelligence, a measure that complements a law proposed Tuesday by senators from both sides of the aisle to create a national intelligence director.

The proposed bills are in line with recommendations proposed by the commission created to investigate the U.S. government's response to Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

If passed, Chambliss' bill would increase to 11 the number of unified combatant commands within the Defense Department. Chambliss' proposal is one

that has yet to be studied by the Pentagon's leadership, spokesman Bryan Whitman said. A commander of military in-

telligence would: ■ Represent the Defense Department in the intelligence community under the direction of the National Intelli-

gence Director. ■ Carry out intelligence col-lection and analysis activities in response to requests from the

National Intelligence Director. ■ Prepare and submit budget proposals for military intelligence forces and activities.

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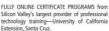




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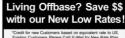
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Powell: Militias have committed genocide in Sudan

BY GEORGE GEDDA The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday that abuses by government-supported Arab militias in Sudan qualify as genocide against the black African population in the Darfur region — a determination that should pressure the government to rein in the fighters

Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the conclusion was based on interviews conducted with refugees from the Darfur violence as well as other

"We concluded that genocide has been committed in Darfur and that the government of Sudan and the Janjaweed (Arab militias) bear responsibility — and genocide may still be occurring,' he said

He added that that as a contracting party to an international genocide convention, Sudan is obliged to prevent and punish acts of genocide.

"To us, at this time, it appears that Sudan has failed to do so," he

Powell noted that Article VIII of the convention provides that parties to the accord may call on the United Nations to take such

action under the U.N. charter "as they consider appropriate for the prevention and suppression of acts of genocide ..

Powell called on the United Nations to undertake a full investiga-

"To this end, the U.S. will propose that the next U.N. Security Council resolution on Sudan re quest a U.N. investigation into all violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law that have occurred in Darfur, with a view to ensuring accountability," he said.

He said the evidence corrobo-

rates the specific intent of perpetrators to destroy a "group in whole or part."

In Abuja, Nigeria, Najeeb El-Khair Abdel Wahab, speaking at talks there on the situation in Darfur, said, "We don't think this kind of attitude can help the situation in Darfur. We expect the in-ternational community to assist the process that is taking place in Abuja and not put oil on the fire."

The deputy foreign minister said the Sudan government "is doing everything possible to resolve the crisis and that is why we are meeting in Abuja. ... We owe it to our people and we will do ev-erything possible to achieve peace no matter what other people do or say.

Bin Laden deputy says U.S. forces driven into trenches in Afghanistan

BY SARAH EL DEER The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt - In a videotape made public ahead of the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, at tacks, Osama bin Laden's chief deputy claimed mujahedeen, or holy fighters, have taken control of much of Afghanistan and driven U.S. forces into the "trenches."

With an assault rifle leaning on the wall behind him, Ayman al-Zawahri said "southern and eastern Afghanistan have completely become an open field for the mujahedeen."

The videotape was broadcast Thursday by Al-Jazeera television, which said it received the tape exclusively. It was not imme-diately clear how or when Al-Jazeera got the video.

Bin Laden and al-Zawahri are believed to be hiding along the Afghan-Pakistan border. They also issued video and audiotapes around last year's anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, including one on Sept. 10, 2003, that showed the

two men walking through rocky terrain. Two taped messages accompanied that video, including one in which bin Laden's praised the "great damage to the enemy" done on Sept. 11

Bin Laden's al-Qaida network carried out the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, prompting Washington to move against Afghanistan's Taliban regime, which had sheltered bin Laden. The Taliban was driven from power in late 2001

In recent months, southern and eastern Afghanistan have been racked by fierce resistance to U.S. military forces, and there have been frequent attacks on Afghan election workers preparing for an Oct. 9 presidential vote.

U.S. military officials in Afghanistan could not be reached for comment on the new videotane. but American commanders insist they have Taliban remnants and al-Qaida on the defensive

No Afghan provincial govern-ment is considered in jeopardy, and Afghan and U.S. forces largely control the country.



Israeli leader warns of Arafat's expulsion as 7 killed in West Bank clash

The renewed

activists.

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK The Associated Press

BEIT LAHIA, Gaza Strip Yasser Arafat's expulsion is "closer than ever," the Israeli foreign minister warned in remarks broadcast Thursday, as seven Palestinians were killed and 27 wounded in clashes with Israeli troops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In one incident, in northern Gaza, soldiers opened fire from a tank-mounted machine gun, killing three Palestinians, including a 9-year-old boy, hospital officials

said The fighting came as Arafat was embroiled another power struggle with his prime minister.

Ahmed Oureia who submitted a letter of resign nation earlier this week, his second July. Arafat

fused to accept the resignation and Qureia left in a huff on a private trip to Jordan Thursday. It was not

clear whether Qureia would stick to his decision to resign. Arafat mean-

while, became the target of renewed Israeli threats

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom told supporters in a speech late Wednesday that Arafat's expulsion is "closer than ever" and that the Palestinian leader has no place in the region. The remarks were broadcast Thursday on Israel Radio.

Earlier this week, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said the government remained committed to a security Cabinet decision from last vear to remove Arafat.

However, senior government officials say there are no immediate plans to take action against

The renewed threats by Shalom apparently were part of domestic Israeli politics. Shalom is seen as a potential successor to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as leader of the ruling Likud Party,

and is courting hawkish activists. Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat accused Israeli officials of inciting against Arafat. "I believe this is part of the strategy of destroying the Palestinian Au thority and harming the president." Erekat said.

Arafat

been confined to his battered headquarters in threats bu the West Bank city of Ramal-Shalom for more apparently were than two years. Israel accuses part of domestic Arafat of encouraging mili-Israeli politics. tant groups to attack Israel Shalom is seen as allegation Arafat denies. a potential Israel has resuccessor to peatedly threatened to expel Prime Minister the veteran Palestinian leader. Ariel Sharon as But the United States opposes leader of the such a step, and Sharon has comruling Likud nlied with Wash-Party, and is ington's wishes. It also appears courting hawkish unlikely

> region further at a time when he is trying to push ahead with his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip in 2005, as part of a unilateral "disengagement" from the Palestinians Sharon hopes the plan will enable Israel to hold on to large West Rank settlement blocs

would risk de-

stabilizing the

In northern Gaza, Israeli tanks blocked major roads Thursday, as troops tried to prevent the fir ing of homemade rockets from there at Israeli settlements In sporadic clashes, soldiers traded fire with Palestinian gunmen and teens hurled stones at tanks. The area also came under machine gun fire from attack helicopters.



Emergency workers operate Thursday at the scene of a car bomb outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, that killed nine people. The blast was blamed on regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah.

Car bomb kills 9 in Jakarta

The Associated Press

Militants hit Australian Embassy

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Suspected al-Qaida-linked militants detonated a car bomb outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta Thursday, killing nine people and wounding 160 in a devastating strike on a key U.S. ally in the war

The bombing - the first attack linked to regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah in more than a year - could affect upcoming Australian elections, in which Prime Minister John Howard is running on a pro-American, anti-terror platform in a tight race.

The blast, which left body parts and bloody corpses strewn across the busy thoroughfare, was also a reminder of the continuing threat of terrorism in the world's most populous Muslim nation despite a slew of arrests and convictions.

It came less than a week after Washington and Canberra upgraded long-standing travel warnings to their citizens in Indonesia, citing an increased risk of terror attacks by militants on Western tar-

No one inside the heavily fortified building was killed, although several Australian, Greek and Chinese citizens were wounded in the attack that occurred two days be-fore the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, strikes in the United

Jemaah Islamiyah has also been blamed for the 2002 Bali bomb ings that killed 202 people, including 88 Australians, and an Aug. 5, 2003, suicide bombing at the JW Marriott hotel, located a few blocks from the site of Thursday's

Australia is a key regional supporter of Washington's war on terrorism and sent 2,000 troops to participate in the Iraq invasion, which remains deeply unpopular in Indonesia. It still has more than 850 military personnel stationed in or around Iraq.

Islamic extremists are believed to have tried to influence the outcome of elections elsewhere. They blew up packed commuter trains in Madrid on the eve of Spain's elections earlier this year, killing 191 people. Shortly afterward, vot-ers elected a Socialist administration that made good on its election pledge to withdraw all Spanish troops from Iraa

Howard is facing criticism in the campaign over his decision to join Washington in the Iraq war, which his opponents say has made Australia more vulnerable to terror attacks.

This is not a nation that is going to be intimidated by acts of terrorism." Howard told reporters in Australia.

Analysts were divided on how the blasts would affect Australia's Oct 9 federal election Howard is considered stronger on national security than his Labor challenger Mark Latham — who has pledged to bring most of the Australian troops in Iraq home before Christmas - and may benefit from the perception that Australia is under

Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri cut short a trip to neighboring Brunei where was attending a royal wedding, and immediately toured the scene

Nazi suspect denies shooting women, children

MUNICH, Germany — An 86-year-old Nazi war crimes suspect charged with the killings of 164 Slovak villagers during World War II denied as his trial opened Thursday that he was involved in the shootings of women or children.

Ladislav Niznansky is accused of having headed the Slovak section of a Nazi unit code-named Edelweiss, which hunted resistance fighters and Jews after the Germans crushed an uprising against Slovakia's Nazi puppet government in 1944.

He faces 164 counts of murder for allegedly taking part in the killings, including giving the order to shoot 18 Jewish civilians.

Niznansky's lawyer, Steffen Ufer, argued in court that Niznansky was

under orders from Nazi superiors and not present when the bulk of the shootings happened. "He never gave an order to move against women and children, nor did he personally lift his hand against such persons," Ufer said in an open-

ing statement. Outside the courtroom, Niznansky flatly told reporters: "I am not

Now a German citizen, Niznansky was arrested at his Munich home in January, paving the way for what could be Germany's last Nazi war crimes trial. He could face life in prison if convicted.

Niznansky testified he initially took part in the rebellion and switched sides after being captured and a German officer threatened to have him sent to a concentration camp.

Prosecutors say he issued orders for and participated in the shootings of 146 people in the villages of Ostry Grun and Klak in central Slovakia on Jan. 21, 1945.



Ladislav Niznansky, right, a German of Slovak origin, and his lawyer Steffen Ufer, left, stand Thursday in a Munich, Germany, courtroom. Niznanskyis on trial for Nazi crimes in the 1940s.



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Iwakuni recovers from Songda's rampage

Schools open as base works to relocate employees from damaged logistics building

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Servicemembers, civilian work ers and area contractors continued repairs Thursday to Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station structures that suffered \$800,000 to \$1 million in damage from the underestimated wrath of Typhoon Songda.

Half the roof of the logistics building was scattered in pieces, making that structure virtually unusable for about 70 employees at the southwestern Honshu base.

"We really had a bunch of damage, but mostly it was to rooftops, power systems, hangar doors and fences," said Lt. Chris Coggins, Iwakuni's assistant facilities officer. "At this point, I'd say the damages total about \$800,000 to \$1 million, and that's if we don't find anything else

Iwakuni schools opened Thursday, and base services functioned normally, Coggins said. Typhoon Songda did not cause any damage to military aircraft.

No injuries occurred on base during the typhoon, Coggins said, and there were several hours of power outages in housing and

The typhoon made landfall in



power outages in housing and

other scattered areas, but when

Tropical Cyclone Condition of

Readiness All-Clear was issued at

midnight, crews quickly made re-

pairs. Coggins said generators

that back up all critical systems

Servicemembers collect roof debris Wednesday around the Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's logistics building. About half of the roof was blown off Tuesday night from Typhoon Songda.

western Kyushu early Tuesday morning and marched northeast throughout the next 24 hours.

Iwakuni forecasters had expected the typhoon to pass no closer than about 86 miles, but Songda came within 20 miles of the base. Chief Warrant Officer David Fulton, station weather officer, said that night

"We had sustained winds for several hours of about 70 mph, with gusts up to 100 mph," Fulton said just as the typhoon began to move past Iwakuni. "We didn't believe it would hit us this hard. It just wasn't supposed to happen

on base performed as expected. Wind caused the electrical "Shops are working as we the repairs. We are getting con-tractors in here as well to carry out certain repairs," Coggins said. "As far as the logistics building, we are scrambling to relocate people and we have them stashed in different locations, including some in the Chapel Community

Workers finished some repairs Wednesday and Thursday; some would take much longer. For instance, long-range plans have in-cluded the replacement of the aging wooden logistics building.

"Right now we are deciding. We probably need a new building. There was a development plan, but we might have to request that we speed up that part of the plan," Coggins said.

He said Naval Mobile Construc-tion Battalion 133 provided, among other help, enormous aid in clearing a pathway so the Children's Development Center could open. Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 assisted in clearing debris so other repairs could

begin "The community has really come together. Marines, sailors, everyone ... has done an outstanding job."

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Counterfeiting plea may net two years for Okinawa Marine

Stars and Strines

NAHA, Okinawa -- Prosecutors are seeking a two-year prison sentence for a Marine who pleaded guilty Wednesday to counterfeiting Japanese currency.

Pvt. Stephen S. Williams, 21, assigned to Ammo Company, 3rd Material Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Services Support Group on Camp Schwab, was arrested on June 25, a day after he passed a photocopied 10,000-yen bill (about \$93) at a Nago gas station. A suspicious attendant reported to police that Williams bought 3,000 yen worth of gas with a 10,000-yen note, receiving 7,000 ven (about \$65) in change

The attendant gave police the li-cense plate number of the car Williams was driving, which is be-lieved to belong to his girlfriend. Police traced Williams to his

camp and he was arrested the day before he was to be transferred back to the United States. During Wednesday's session in Naha District Court, Williams

admitted to violating Japan's currency-control laws Williams said he created the

fake bills on a color photocopy machine so that he could min mize his expenses on Okinawa before leaving for Seattle, his next duty station.

He said he wanted to save money so he could afford to fly to his home in North Carolina before reporting for duty at his

Prosecutor Masahisa Yokota said Williams used a color copy machine at his girlfriend's home in Gushikawa to make two fake 10.000-ven bills. The second bill was found in his bag the day he was arrested.

Calling the crime "skillful. malicious and deliberate," Yokota requested a sentence of two years of hard labor in a Japanese

Williams' defense attorney, Miyatomi Harushima, called the incident a spur-of-the-moment

impuise.

In tearfully telling his side of the story, Williams said he came up with the idea while copying some pictures on his girlfriend's copy machine.
"I hurt a lot of people who love
me," he said. "I paid them back
by slapping their faces," he said

as he broke down into tears Harushima asked the court for

leniency.
"He is still a young man who
has just turned 21 years old and he has promised to, from here ne has promised to, from here on, become a law-abiding and re-spectable citizen," he said. Williams, who is being held in custody at the Naha Detention

Center, will be sentenced Sept.

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Showing off



BENNIE J. DAVIS III/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force



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Above: U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds prepare to land at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The landing marked the first time in a decade the Thunderbird demonstration team has visited Guam. The Thunderbirds will be performing during an air show Sunday at Andersen. Right: Tech. Sgt. Brian Plauche, crew chief of the Thunderbird demonstration team, helps Maj. Brian Burns out of F-16 Thunderbird No. 3.

Guam EOD unit returns from Iraq deployment

Special to Stars and Stripes

GHAM A group of Guam-based U.S. sailors recently returned from a six-month Iraq deployment, where they put their explosive ordnance disposal skills to work supporting the Madisposal rine Corps.

Four members of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit FIVE returned from Iraq in mid-August after a deployment with the First Marine Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team, which was providing security to the Coalition Provisional Authority headquarters in Baghdad's Green Zone

Before the Guam team arrived. the nearest EOD unit was three or four hours from the CPA headquarters - "the place the insurgents really wanted to hit," said Lt. Will Ranney, the team's officer in charge. Marines, he said, understandably wanted "in-theirhip-pocket EOD response capability.

The team responded to improvised evalosive devices and ordnance recovery calls, conducted post-blast investigations of rocket and mortar attacks and helped train coalition forces in IED recognition and safety. Although there was little call for working underwater, which is much of the unit's training, unit members responded to more than 75 calls and disposed of more than 10,000 pounds of high explosives

civilian contract workers leaving an underground parking area a the Al Rasheed Hotel saw an IED drop off a vehicle leaving the area. After calling authorities, the civilians walked back down the parking ramp and found themselves at a dead end 30 feet below street level

"The first thing we had to do was figure out how to get those guys out of there," Ranney said. They refused to walk past the device." An Army unit assigned to the hotel positioned a Humvee with a winch above the two and lifted them up and off the ramp. "It was like watching 'Rescue 911.' I was waiting for William Shatner to show up." Ranney said.

With the help of a robot and another EOD team, the Guam unit successfully disabled the device.

"What that really drove home for me was that as secure as the Green Zone was, 'secure' in Iraq isn't really saying a whole lot, Ranney said.

The team also worked on what turned out to be a box containing sheet music for the Iraq Symphony Orchestra. "With the amount of things that happened, you could never really be sure," Ranney said

During the deployment the CPA headquarters was rocketed "maybe 20 or 30 times," Ranney

During the attacks, "you'd hear



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Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Gates disposes of ordnance in Iraq. Gates is now back in Guam with his family.

them cut through the air over our heads but you wouldn't know where they were going to hit. That's an experience I'll never forget," said Seaman James "Kimo" Makaneole

After the attacks the team vould ensure the device had exploded and posed no further hazard. "There's so much ordnance over there, it's unreal," said Petty Officer 1st Class Tyler Borgwardt. "At one point, we found a garage where an Army unit had been staying through the ground fighting up until two or three months before we got there.

When a new Army unit moved in, they called the sailors and said, "we have something to show

"They took us over and opened up this garage. It was full, wall-to-wall, with every type of ordnance I've ever seen or read about, from large bombs to hand grenades to small arms to rockets. rocket launchers." Borgwardt said. "Most of it had come in from the previous Army unit who had collected it, didn't know what to do with it and had just stored it in

Iraq presented other challenges for the team. "The heat was crazy," Makaneole said. Temperatures were in the 40s when the group arrived in February, but that changed within two months.

that garage."

"In the shade it was 106 degrees and then we'd walk out in the sun and it was 120 degrees or even hotter," he said. Even water from the cold-water shower tap was unbearable because of the

Fresh food was scarce. "Sometimes we bought eggs from some of the people that ran Internet cafes there," Borgwardt said. "We'd just cross our fingers and

hope that we'd get a good one." Vegetables were less than appe "We saw people eating stuff that was all brown and rot-ten," Makaneole said. "When I got back to the commissary in Guam, I just stood there and stared at everything."

Both Makaneole and Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Gates are married and have young children, which, they said, made the deployment a little more difficult.

'When you're away from them for six months, they grow up a lot when you're gone," Gates said.

m members agreed that they felt relieved to be back in Guam. "Just not being there is a relief," Ranney said. "You never knew. One day it was the Iraq Symphony Orchestra and the xt day it was a real IED falling off the bottom of a car. You just never knew and you had to treat every one like it was real.

Welcoming party



Operations, upon Clark's arrival on Thursday at Yokosuka Naval Base for his Japan tour.

Capt. King Dietrich, commander, Fleet Activities at Yokosuka, left, greets Adm. Vern Clark, chief of Naval

USS Abraham Lincoln preps for deployment

The USS Abraham Lincoln is to leave the West Coast in mid-October to conduct naval operations in support of national and theater security in the western Pacific Ocean. The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier is the flagship for the Lincoln

Carrier Strike Group commanded by Rear Adm. Doug Crowder.

Carrier Air Wing 2 will be on the carrier during the scheduled deployment, stated a Thursday afternoon Navy news release.

Additional ships in the strike group with the Lincoln will be announced later, the release stated: no port calls in East Asia were announced.

"Because of our capabilities under the new Fleet Response Plan, our deployment will actually result in having spent fewer days at sea overall." Crowder stated

"We will continue to train for this mission, becoming progressively more ready as we depart the West Coast and head across the Pacific.

Volunteers needed for Misawa Patio Festa

MISAWA, Japan - Misawa City planning officials are looking for talented entertainers, bands, DJs, choruses, comedians, magicians, jugglers, clowns and dancers, arts and crafts artists, cooking demonstrators and flea market participants for the annual Misawa Patio Festa in Misawa City Oct. 2-11.

A meeting for stage entertainers is to take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday and one for arts and craft artists, food booths and others is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday on the second floor of the Misawa City Chamber of

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Options college-bound students can bank on

BY TARA SIEGEL BERNARD

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NEW YORK — For years, you filled your children's lunch boxes with sandwiches and juice boxes. Now, as they head off to college, they need your help filling, or at least setting up, their checking accounts.

With the back-to-school season in full swing, there are a number of banks that are offering student checking accounts and other fi-

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nancial products to help children of bank customers manage their money. But before you send them off to their new university, it's worth giving them a lesson in fiscal responsibility.

"You want to first set up a budget with your child," said Neale S. Godfrey, author of "Money Still Doesn't Grow on Trees: A Parent's Guide To Raising Financially Responsible Teenagers and Young Adults," and chairwoman of the Children's Finan-

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cial Network, which provides products and services focused on financial education.

She also recommends that you have your children sit down and make a list of what they think they will need to live, what the costs are, and then do some price checking with them to see if

they're actually on track.

"What you want to do is make it a learning experience, don't just set up an account," Godfrey

If you're unsure your students can handle the responsibility of a credit-card — which can have long-standing consequences and mar their credit histories — cash-loaded or debit cards are a good option, because there's only

so much they can use, she adds.

Individual banks are rolling
out different options, including
the following:

■ J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., which recently closed its merger with Bank One, just launched checking accounts geared for children of banking customers.

Seventeen to 24-year-olds can open a "College Checking" account which requires no minimum balance, no monthly maintenance fee or below-balance transaction fees for five years as long as the parent maintains a qualifying Bank One or Chase checking account. Other perks include two free withdrawals from an outside bank's ATM per statement cycle, along with a free debit card and online bill pay. "High School Checking" also is available for

students aged 15 to 18, and requires a parent or legal guardian to sign on as a co-owner of the ac-

■ U.S. Bancorp offers "Student Checking," which doesn't require a daily balance, has no monthly service fee and offers four free non-U.S. Bank ATM transactions per month. Its U.S. Bank Check Card, essentially a debit product, is also free, as is Internet Banking and bill payment. The Minne-apolis-based bank also offers the U.S. Bank Visa Buxx card, a pre paid card that parents can reload when funds run out It's safer than carrying cash and students can't run up debt because the funds on the card are limited. The cards are accepted every-where Visa debit cards are accepted, including online and at

The Visa Buxx card also is available through Bank of America Corp., National City Corp., Wachovia Corp., among others (see visabuxx.com); any costs are charged by the issuing institution, so check with them for any related

■ Wachovia's Free Student Checking Program offers many of the same benefits of the two aforementioned banks; if stu dents link their account with their parent's checking account. they are given 12 free non-Wachovia ATM transactions per month, as well as four withdrawals, four account inquiries and four transfers. It also offers the Campus Card through about 14 participating schools: the single card combines the student's identification, debt and ATM card. Depending on the school, it can also be used to pay for on-campus meals, purasing books, making copie the library, as well as for doing laundry and accessing the gym.

Bank of America's CampusEdge Checking can be had with an opening deposit of \$25. It's free for the first six months, or free for five years if the student's parent has an account or the student has a monthly direct deposit: it costs \$3.95 monthly otherwise. No minimum balance is required, and it includes free online banking with bill pay and a free checking (debit) card. The CampusEdge package also comes with a "Stuff Happens" card, which allows students to waive a fee - one-time only - if they make a financial faux pas or incur a non-Bank of America ATM fee. The Charlotte-based bank also offers a Bank of America Student Visa Gold card, with no annual fee, which comes with a Quicken CD-Rom, which helps students learn how to manage their money and credit. It carries an APR of 10.99 percent plus the prime rate.

■ Wells Fargo & Co.'s college checking has a \$3.75 fee, with a \$2 discount for those with direct deposit, and its waived completeby for students with parents maintaining Wells deposit accounts. Students can also apply for the Wells Fargo College Visa Card.

Citigroup Inc.'s College Student Account, which is available to students at schools registered with Citi costs \$3.00 a month unless it's linked to a parent's account (kids can't see their parents' account information), there is a monthly electronic deposit, or there is a balance of \$1,500. Fees are waived regardless of balance and banking activity during the summer. Also included: an ATM debit card, free online bill payment, overdraft protection, a complimentary Citipro financial check-up, and an optional American Airlines AAdvantage Debit Card which carries an annual fee, depending on what type of card you choose. Visit Cit-ibank.com for participating

While many options appear attractive, be sure to read the fine print and make sure both you and your child understand the fees and consequences — tied to such accounts and cards.

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Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Age-friendly home fixes

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Not every house is accommodating to older residents. Bankrate.com reports that there are some renovations you can complete that will make your home more comfortable for older or disabled residents.:

- Sinks: Install a pedestal or wall-mounted sink instead of one with cabinetry beneath it. Set it high enough for a wheelchair to fit beneath it
- Shower bars: Shower or grab bars are cheaper than a roll-in shower, won't reduce your home's resale value and come in enough variety to be attractive and functional
- Flooring: Choose a low-pile carpet: It's easier on wheelchairs and walkers.
- Cabinets: Replace knobs with bar-shaped drawer-pulls. They are much easier to grasp. ■ Door knobs: Install levered
- Door knobs: Install levered handles in place of round knobs. ■ Kitchen makeover. You might also consider repositioning

might also consider repositioning kitchen appliances to be more accessible. Raise the stove and dishwasher so that a wheelchair could fit beneath the open door. Lower a section of countertop or a kitchen island. But don't lower all your cabinets — this makes it difficult to configure plumbing and fit in large appliances like the oven, and may cut resale value.

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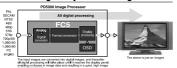
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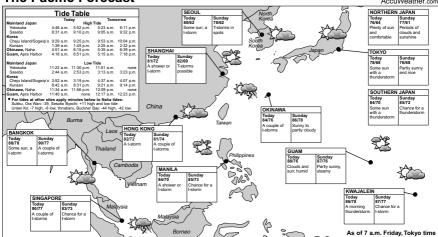
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Extended Forecasts

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CITY

Bangkok

Hagatna

Honolulu

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Monday: Partly sunny, high 79, low 71. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine

KADENA

high 88, low 79

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 79. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine.

SEOUL Monday: Showers,

high 79, low 60. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 81, low 64

MANILA

Monday: Thunderstorms, high 84, low 74. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 86, low 74.

HAGATNA

high 85, low 74.

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 75. Tuesday: Thunderstorms.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	87/60	Los Angeles	90/69
Amarillo	88/53	Little Rock	86/62
Anchorage	60/44	Louisville	79/60
Asheville	78/57	Miami	91/78
Baltimore	84/62	Milwaukee	71/54
Birmingham	88/66	Nashville	82/61
Bismarck	83/57	New York	81/68
Boise	86/55	Omaha	85/60
Boston	83/66	Orlando	90/74
Brownsville	89/74	Philadelphia	86/68
Buffalo	67/56	Phoenix	108/83
Burlington	72/59	Pittsburgh	75/58
Charleston, St		Portland, OR	73/52
Charlotte	85/64	Portland, ME	68/65
Cleveland	71/55	Salt Lake City	93/62
Columbus, OF	73/57	St. Louis	82/60
Duluth	68/52	San Antonio	92/65
El Paso	89/60	San Diego	83/69
Hartford	78/63	San Juan	90/77
Helena	80/47	Tampa	87/74
Indianapolis	76/56	Tulsa	88/59
Jacksonville	90/72	Washington	85/66
Kansas City	83/58	Wichita	88/58

82/72

90/78

Perth



Bermuda

83/67

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85/76

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U.S. Extended Forecast Sunny and comfortable weather will be the rule along the East Coast

Saturday. High pressure will also provide pleasant conditions for the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes. Meanwhile, an area of low pressure will trigger a few showers and thunderstorms across the Upper Midwest and northern Plains. A storm will approach the Pacific Northwest and cause some rain to fall, mainly west of the Cascades. Hurricane Ivan will approach the United States Sunday and Monday and may make landfall somewhere along the Gulf Coast or Florida. Elsewhere, unsettled weather will affect the northern Rockies and Plains. High pressure will provide dry weather for most of the Northeast.

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY
88/78	lwakuni	82/70	Sasebo NB	82/72	Acapulco	90/76	Buda
81/64	Kadena AB	84/76	Sapporo	76/64	Athens	71/56	Buer
73/52	Kunsan AB	74/61	Seoul	80/62	Auckland	58/49	Cair
58/41	Kwajalein	86/78	Shanghai	81/72	Baghdad	102/71	Can
80/73	Manila	84/70	Singapore	90/77	Barbados	90/75	Cap
88/76	Misawa AB	72/56	Sydney	71/46	Barcelona	77/64	Gen
80/67	Osan	72/57	Taegu	74/63	Berlin	77/58	Istar

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72/57 Taegu

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Saturday's World Temperatures HIGH/LOW CITY 76/55 Kabul 105/65 Nairobi

enos Aires	59/40	Kiev	59/45	New Delhi	95/75	- 1
iro	87/58	Kuwait	114/80	Oslo	71/50	- 1
ncun	86/74	London	65/44	Paris	69/45	- 1
pe Town	71/47	Madrid	87/60	Rio de Janeiro	78/66	- 1
neva	69/53	Mexico City	73/55	Rome	78/59	- 1
anbul	59/46	Montreal	79/59	St. Petersburg	66/51	- 1
rusalem	81/61	Mogadishu	86/70	Stockholm	68/52	- 1
nannesburg	75/54	Moscow	59/45	Warsaw	74/54	-
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Accepting responsibility

I opened the Sept. 2 Stars and Stripes and began my journey on keeping ap-prised of issues affecting the world and my home. I started by reading the News Tracker, and was shocked to read the second story (Sept. 3 for Pacific editions), "Oklahoma bridge collapse." The story was about the National Transportation Safety Board's review of the tragic Interstate 40 bridge collapse over the Arkansas River near Webbers Fall, Okla., in 2002. The article said that the NTSB found that the incident could have been averted if an alert system was installed. because the tugboat crew would have been alerted that the ship's pilot had fainted

Well then, why don't we install a warning device on every American's bed, warning the occupiers that when they wake up, they run the risk of being injured or killed if they leave their bed?

The article went on to state that a warning device could have also warned oncoming motorists of the danger of the bridge collapse. Gee, could responsible driving also have helped in the possible avoidance? Granted, nothing could have been done to aid those travelers on the span at the time of collapse, but the article sounds like people should have had ESP to avoid the broken span.

I am a police officer when not on active duty with the Army Reserve. One of my biggest complaints is when a situation could have been avoided just by common sense. A little pragmatism can solve many issues in this world. Accept responsibility for your actions and ston trying to blame someone else or have the government assess blame.

> Sot Steven J Van Erden Camp Doha, Kuwait

Token effort from AAFES

I am a civilian contractor working in Iraq who, like many others, must shop at Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores for items I need. I have been to sev-

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eral AAFES stores in Kuwait and Iraq, and have noticed that AAFES is literally taking money straight out of our pockets.

I am referring to the cardboard money it gives its customers. On several occasions, I have given cash and received these tokens as change. They do this so you will have to either go back to an AAFES store or an AAFES affiliate, such as Burger King or Pizza Hut, to spend it. When I brought it to the attention of the AAFES manager at the site, I was told that Congress approved it so you either accept it or don't shop here.

Furthermore, at Camp Victory, I recently purchased supplies and paid in cash. I was supposed to receive \$53.38 in change, but was given \$53.35. I asked for the other three cents and was told, "We don't have any pennies." I know you're saying, "It's only three cents," but they do this to almost every person owed change.

Look at it this way. If each person is owed 38 cents and they only give you 35, AAFES has gained three cents. If that

happens to 300 people, AAFES has made \$9 that day. Multiply that by 30 days and you get \$27 for the month. Multiply that by 12 months and you get \$3,240 for the year. This appears to me like AAFES is stealing.

Do we pursue with legal action, or do we just let it go? If we let it go. AAFES will continue to take advantage of its customers and, in the long run, run it customers off

> Roy Roberts Jr. Camp Cedar II. Iraa

Dump DCUs for civilians

The Sept. 3 letter "How civilians appear to others" complained about civilians wearing desert camouflage uniforms. The letter writer said some civilians' personal grooming standards, bygiene and/or uniform appearance reflect negatively on all Americans in theater, both civilian and miltary.

Having been deployed to both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, I cannot disagree with the observations that the standards and appearance of some civilians do not match those of military personnel. But I have also observed significant variations in the appearance of military members. ranging from good to bad. For most individuals, there are probably valid reasons why at a particular time and place they look less than the noster image of a military person in DCUs. And for some, a small minority I offer, they will always be below standards.

Maybe the time has come to review the reasons for having civilians wear desert camouflage or battle dress uniforms in theater. If those reasons are no longer valid or not significantly important to offset any negative view of the U.S. military in the OEF/OIF theaters, the time has come to change or do away with the regulation that requires civilians to wear the DCU/BDU. While a deployed civilian, wearing the DCU was not my choice or preference.

George Blackwell Grafenwoehr, Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury Flashbacks









Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons





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WAKE YOU?! I'VE BEEN ASIEEP MYSELF MY GOSH - LOOK AT THE TIME, MR EDWARDS AREN'T WE SUPPOSED WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE TO BE OFF HUNTING SOMETHING? ME? IT'S GETTING TO BE FALL ALREADY! RIP VAN KERRY PAT OLIPHANT/Universal Press Syndicate

Steamboat discovery

OK FORT TOWSON — More than 160 years after it sunk in the Red River, researchers are discovering the history of the steamboat Heroine.

Archaeologists using gear are diving into the murky water to excavate the paddlewheeler that foundered while trying to supply troops at this fron-

So far, researchers, including those from the Oklahoma Histori cal Society, have recovered artifacts that bring the Heroine to life shoes worn by the crew, the dishes they ate from, the hand trucks they used to load cargo.

'Double-dipping' cops

MA BOSTON — The Boston Police Department has paid hundreds of police officers to be on more than one private detail at the same time, according to a Boston Globe investigation.

The double-dipping was spread across rank, from patrolmen up to captains, including a commander of the department's Paid Detail Assignment Unit. Many benefited more than once: 150 officers col lected detail pay for overlapping shifts at least twice, and one collected double pay 23 times.

An internal committee has been instructed to examine payroll records and investigate officers, and has asked City Hall auditors to reconfigure the computer payroll system to flag overlap ping shifts

Seven officers are now under investigation for double dipping.

Climber dies from fall

WY GRAND TETON NAmountain climber fell 50 feet to his death on Disappointment Peak after his rappel anchor failed, officials said. Frank Olding, 40, of Seattle,

diad National Park Service spokeswoman Jackie Skaggs said Olding began an ascent of the 11,618-foot peak's East Ridge with two other men. At about 11,000 feet, Olding apparently decided to go no farther because he believed the next section was beyond his partners ability, Skaggs said.

Olding began to rappel back down the mountain but his anchor failed and he fell, Skaggs said. Park officials were investigating why the rappelling gear

Re-indicted for murder

LA SHREVEPORT — A
Texas man whose first-degree murder conviction was thrown out by a federal court last month has been re-indicted for the same crime.

James Crandell, 57, was indicted on one count of first-degree murder in the 1989 death of a Bossier City man inside a motel. Crandell is still jailed at the Louis siana State Penitentiary at Angola, where he has been serving a life sentence since his conviction in 1991 for the beating death of Charles Parr. 48.

Bossier-Webster District Attorney Schuyler Marvin immediately filed notice after the grand jury's report that he intends to seek the death penalty, but he expects a lengthy court battle.



Marvin intends to test a 24-year-old state court decision that says prosecutors are prohibited from twice seeking the death penalty.

Student found dead

FORT COLLINS — A coming queen was found dead at a Colorado State University fraternity, and the fraternity chapter was suspended by its national headquarters.

The body of Samantha Spady, a sophomore from Beatrice, Ne was found in a lounge at the Sigma Pi fraternity by a member giving a tour of the house. Police suspect drinking contributed to her death but are waiting for the results of toxicology tests.

Police spokeswoman Davis said there was no sign of foul play, leading police to close their criminal investigation.

However, it could be reopened if investigators discover someone else provided the underage student with alcohol

ACLU challenging law

HONOLULU — A man who was kicked out of the Hawaii State Library for using its computers to access a gay and lesbian Web site filed a federal lawsuit challenging a state law that allows authorities to ban people from public property.

The law prohibits people from entering a public place for up to



Spider for sale James McFall, a vendor for Emerald City Balloons, is engulfed by their product during the Blackberry Festival in Bremerton,

one year after a written warning or request to leave the premises has been issued. It was aimed at removing squatters from public campgrounds, parks and beach-

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, filing on behalf of Carlos Hernandez, said people or groups could be thrown off public property for no reason and said the law could be used to keep voters out of polling places or to bar groups such as native Hawaiians from the grounds of the state Capitol.

Fatal shooting at motel

MOUNT MORRIS TOWN-SHIP — Assailants Assailants sprayed gunfire into a motel room, killing two people and injuring four, police said

Police Chief Hap Ashley said two assailants used a 9 mm handgun and a 7.62 mm assault weapon to fire into the room. The motive was unclear, he said.

After the shooting, the motel narking lot was littered with shell casings from about 60 bullets. Inside the room, curtains were shredded and windows were shattered.

Some of the bullets passed through inner walls into other rooms, including one that had been rented but apparently was unoccupied at the time, authorities said.

Animal cruelty case

NY NEW YORK 16-year-old high school student was arrested on charges he beat two pit bulls to death with a tree branch in a Bronx park, animal protection officials said.

The teen, Ricardo Plasencia, was arrested at his family's home in the Morrisania section of the Bronx and was charged with two felony counts of aggravated animal cruelty, said Joseph Pentangelo, a spokesman for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The 1-year-old female dogs' remains were taken to the Burgh Memorial Animal Hospital The veterinarian who performed the necropsies said in 20 years he had not seen an animal sustain such se vere head injuries, Pentangelo

Pump keeps boy alive

CA STANFORD 6-month-old boy alive almost two months on a miniature heart pump not approved for use in the United States underwent successful heart transplant surgery and is expected to make a full recovery.

Miles Coulson suffered damage to his heart shortly after his birth March 30 and was placed on a heart transplant list.

His condition began to deteriorate and doctors at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University persuaded the Food and Drug Administration to let them import a device from Europe called the Berlin Heart. No. pumps approved for use in the United States are small enough for infants.

The Berlin Heart has been used on about 50 babies in Europe since 1989. Three other American babies have been treated with it; two received trans-plants and a third recovered enough to be taken off the device.



Chris McElfresh, left, and Christopher Summer day fun Richards, 12, tumble down an inflatable slide during the 11th annual Labor Day picnic at Carey Park in



Final touchups A makeup artist puts the final touchups on a model at the Perry Ellis Spring 2005 fashion show in New York.



Veterinarian Dr. Barbara Royal The Royal treatment performs an acupuncture treatment on the Brookfield Zoo's Bactrian camel, Jewel, who suffers from arthritis in the front legs, in Brookfield, III.



Wild child

Dylan Fairchild, 3, of Stephenville, Texas, rides a longhorn steer named Snickers at the Celebrate Bandera Festival in Bandera, Texas.



Unbearable heat An unidentified woman shields her face from the sun while walking past a water fountain in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles area reached a high of 93 decrees.



Road runner

June Norman (496) from the Milford (Conn.) Road Runners club is shown with other runners before the New Haven Road Race in New Haven, Conn. She has been running for 25 years and tests herself in the New Haven Road Race each Labor Day.



Kart collision

Miles Miller, right, of Plainfield, Ind., slides into the rear and flips over Kris
Wentlink, of Davenport, Lowa, after Wentlink hit the wall in turn one during a kart
race at the 10th annual Rock Island Grand Prix in Rock Island, III.

Man guilty of 3 deaths

CO LITTLETON — A man accused of killing a friend and two women whose bodies were found buried in a backyard pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in his friend's death

As part of his plea, Richard Paul White will be sentenced to life in prison without parole. He made a plea bargain on a charge of killing former roommate Jason Reichardt, 27, last year.

After his arrest, White told investigators he had killed five women and buried their bodies around the state since 1998.

The bodies of Victoria Lyn Turpin, 32, and Annaletia Maria Gonzales, 27, were found last year in the yard of a Denver home where White and a girlfriend once lived.

White said he buried other bodies in southern Colorado, but authorities have not found them.

Here's what not to do

BLOOMINGTON — A gun safety demonstration went awry and landed Monroe County Coroner David Tourney in the hospital after he shot himself in the leg.

Tourney said his gun discharged as he was checking to make sure it was unloaded and a bullet struck him in his left leg during the demonstration to a ggoup of people at a Lake Monroe boat ramp.

"It's an unfortunate accident," Toumey told The Herald-Times of Bloomington. "I've always been very, very safe."

Toumey was released from Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis after treatment, the hospital said.

Man takes church money

MD BALTIMORE — A man who admitted using a copy of a stamp with Cardinal William Keeler's signature on it to steal \$443,000 in church donations was sentenced to four years in prison.

Victor Puotinen pleaded guilty to theft in June for stealing the money between 1999 and 2002 when he worked as an accountant at the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore.

Prosecutors said Puotinen copied the cardinal's signature from a stamp and used it on papers to give him the authority to take donated money from church accounts.

Infection kills elephant

HOUSTON — The died suddenly at the Houston Zoo had no internal defects, increasing the likelihood she died from a viral or bacterial infection.

Elephant herpes virus is one possibility, zoo officials told the paper. Kimba's sister Singgah died in 2000 of the virus as did three other siblings, who had been shipped to other habitats.

Kimba first showed symptoms when she wasn't interested in eating and had slight swelling around her head. Veterinarians gave her antiviral medication and she seemed better at first when

she was given more antiviral med-

ication but later died.

Bank robber gets away

SC AIKEN — A robber who used a rusty pitchfork to stick up a bank got away — and so far, finding him has been like looking for a needle in a baystack.

The man, wearing sunglasses and a mask, entered Security Federal Bank and threatened employees with the 4-foot-long pitchfork. The man took an undisclosed amount of money.

The robber dropped the farm tool as he ran from the bank through a wooded area to a golf course behind the bank, police

Bloodhounds tracked the robber to a fast food restaurant parking lot, where police say the man got into a white van driven by a

woman.

No customers were in the bank during the holdup, and no one was injured.

Marijuana growth found

GREEN BAY — Deputies didn't have to go far to find this marijuana: It was growing right outside their Green Bay headquarters.

Green Bay television station

WLUK-TV reported that it received a tip and alerted the Brown County Sheriff's Department about the pot in a planter on the south side of the courthouse. Chief Deputy John Gossage wasn't sure of the plants' identity.

but a drug officer confirmed the presence of marijuana. The drug officer pulled the six

small plants, which were to be destroyed.

Polka dots not approved

WILMINGTON — A print shop owner is on the spot with city officials who say her dots are a don't.

The officials don't approve of the polka dots she's painted on an oak tree outside her store. Elle Puritz said she was just try-

ing to protect the tree, as well as spread some good cheer, when she repainted the plain white trunk red, then added dots.

City officials say the splashy naint iob violates sign ordinances.

The trunk of the roadside tree had been painted white years ago to make it more visible to cars. When Puritz bought the property in January, she decided to spruce it up.

Grads get assignment

DeWITT — Members of the Central Community High School Class of 2004 were given one last assignment when they graduated — and most didn't seem to mind.

On the last day of high school, Mike and Jill Selby gave each of the 155 graduates a \$10 bill and a letter. They asked the graduates to spend the gift in a way that would reflect the values of their son, Cory, who would have graduated with the class.

Cory Selby died the summer before his sophomore year of a rare heart ailment.

The Selbys asked the students to let them know how they spent the money, and the response, they say, has been overwhelming.

Stories and photos from wire services.

J Horoscope

The moon joins Venus in the sign of the lion. Our emotions are bigger than life, and the way we present ourselves reflects that outrageousness. Many will Joyce Jillson get dressed up and go out as almost costumed versions of themselves. Conversational topics are funny, exaggerated and perhaps completely untrue - but

never dull TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 11). This year, you'll see everything from a different point of view and make new choices because of this - but of

course, you still employ your signature style. Relationships grow stronger through the fall. Special training in November helps you improve your financial picture. Get backing for creative projects in January. Love signs are Scorpio and Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you get an inkling about

something, follow it! Ignoring your intuition is tantamount to agreeing to get exactly what you don't want. Loved ones need you for encourage ment. Find the good in their situation, and point it out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If an investment is too complicated to be explained, it's probably too com-

plicated to pay off. Singles find love while running an errand. Couples avoid arguing by deciding who is going to shoulder a responsibility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're favored to win. Reinforce the belief when you are most tempted to think of success as something that was meant for others. How you use

your leisure time is crucial. Get as much enjoyment as you can CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You enjoy learning, so avoid giving the impression that you know it all. Others will delight you with insights! Think of ways to make your busi ness less dependent on your constant attention. Find help you can trust

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Accept the fact that a relationship is eithe growing or shrinking - there's no in between. Find new ways to contribute. You're getting more specific about what you will and won't do in the name of love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Work to get rid of the concept of "someday." Why not make your

dreams come true today? The "how" part isn't as impossible as it seems The resolution to take action will ignite your mind to think of ways to

reach your goal. LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). You're exercising your rights. This day includes a lot of saying "no" to people who are hard to say "no" to. Practice finding things to

like about people, especially the ones who are pretty much unlikable

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Confidence is related to getting excited about life. You're allowing yourself too much ramp-up time for a project, which only serves to create more obstacles in your head than really exist. Instead of getting ready, get going.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A decision is made without your consultation. Keep your poise, and use charm to let everyone know you can't be pushed around. All works to your advantage in long run. Fantastic love is your rock of sup-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One positive move begets another. Joining health-club classes may help you stop procrastination in other are as. Singles: The perfect person doesn't exist. That said, keep looking for the one who is just right for you

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Handle those dangling ends and unfinished tasks. If it seems like there's never any rest, you're onto something. A breakthrough is coming, so don't stop now. The brightest ideas come in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Carefully plan your finances - you can turn a little into enough to have that car or house. In matters of love. show that you have every intention of compromising: you'll still get what you want in the end

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Fugene Sheffer Crossword

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suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

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MOM WAS

Widow finds spouse had love child

Dear Abby: My beloved husband of 32 years, "Loren," passed away last year after a long illness. I took an extensive leave from work to be at his side

Several weeks ago, after I returned from work, my doorbell rang. On my doorstep was a tall,

well-mannered, 19-year-old young woman asking for a "few minutes of my time." (My children are ages 29 and 27.) This young woman claims she is my husband's daughter, the product of an affair between him and her er, whom he met at a local sporting event. Loren was very active in sports. He was a former physical education teach er and coach. She produced a photo of herself with Loren and her mother, taken on

her fifth hirthday - and another with Loren and her mother, who was visibly pregnant. I felt as though I'd been kicked in the stomach. She told me Loren had stayed in touch, paid child support in cash, and bought her

however is not on her hirth certificate. She has asked me for some "keepsakes" from Loren, and said he had promised to help her financially with college tuition.

Please tell me what to do. I haven't told anyone about this, not even my children. I'm too ashamed and Dear Abby shocked.

- Heartsick in N.Y. Dear Heartsick: The first thing you should do is call your lawyer. For her to have hit you with this news the way she did was brutal. I wouldn't blame you if vou made no further communication with her except through your lawyer, and let him (or

Dear Abby: My brother,

"Don," is 13. There is a 13 year age difference between us. Lately, Don has not been himself. He used to talk with me about his problems. Now he won't discuss anything more than the weather

her) he your guide

be caring and happy. Now he's angry a lot, sometimes to the point that he hits himself in the

When I ask Don why he does this, he gets upset and says he doesn't care anymore. Mom and Dad work a lot. I know my little brother is not on drugs. I checked. Is this just part of being a teen? How can I help him?

- Brother in Alabama Dear Brother: When so becomes angry, the normal im-pulse is to strike out. For some reason your brother is directing his anger back on himself. Whatever is at the root of his anger and unhappiness, the quickest way to get him the help he needs is to tell your parents what you have observed. Hitting oneself in the face could be a sign of psy-chological problems that should be treated by a mental health professional.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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ROSARY FUMBLE What the valedictorian wore to her interview for college - A "SMART" OUTFIT

Yesterday's

Family Circus



Insults don't help with weight loss

Dear Annie: On my last visit home to see my family, my brother, "Joe," made some unkind re-marks about my weight I've had a weight problem all my life. Joe thinks that if he makes rude comments it will force me to

lose pounds Joe and his family were invited to spend the July Fourth holiday with the rest of our family at my parents' lake house. When Joe arrived, he told me he was so

shocked by my size that he was embarrassed to be in my pres ence. The next day, Joe got into an argument with my parents about me, saying I was going to fall over dead at any moment. My 4-year-old niece overheard some of this conversation and later told me I was going to die

My parents believe Joe makes these comments out of love. They also think this type of tactic could help me lose weight because "nothing else has worked." I realize my family wants me to be healthy, but Joe's statements are very hurtful. So, how should I



- Overweight and Insulted Dear O and I: Your family members should know by now that being rude and insulting will not motivate you to lose weight. Such tactics never work — in fact, they usually have the oppo site effect, causing the

overweight person to become depressed or angry, and eat more in retaliation. Instead

of helping you, Joe is making the situation worse, and you ought to We commend you for trying to

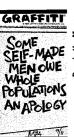
lose weight, but please be sure to see a doctor about the healthiest way to do that, and also get into an exercise program. And frankly, if Joe cannot bear to see you at this size, let him stay away. You need his insults like a snake needs a manicure

Dear Annie: You must have geraniums in your craniums. You gave a lovely, gentle and kind reply to "Boston," whose live-in fiance, "Tom," sits around playing computer games instead of work-You said he should contribute to the household and suggested she heln him find a job. You should have told her to kick him

I lost my job during the reces-sion in the late '80s, and until the job market improved, I filled my days with minimum-wage posi-tions to pay the bills and volunteer work to feed my soul. Tom has it great: free room, board and sex for a little bit of sweet-talking. You should have told her to pick up her self-respect and find her self a high-quality dude.

- Worcester, Mass. Dear Worcester: Many readers thought we were too sympathetic to Tom, who had trouble finding a job and spent the day playing videogames. We should have been tougher.

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YOU'RE HAVING A GARAGE SALE, DOES





"Hold on there, Dale. It says we should



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35	ANPL	King of the Jungle		King of the Jungle tropical birds sets the lenge.	An encounter with ne stage for a chal-	Wildlife Journal (N	4)			Tigers of the Emer expert studies incre population of Panna	rald Forest A big-cat ases in the tiger	Wildlife Journal	
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44	BET		Top 10 Live Mase; C	Diara.	BET.com Count- down	Access Granted "Mase"	How I'm Living Ali- cia Keys.	Classic ComicView	v	Club Comic View		**** "Malcolm X Denzel Washington	(1992, Biography) Spike Lee.
46	COURT	I, Detective "Root of Evil"	I, Detective	Cops Police offi- cers in Albu- querque, N.M. (CC)	Cops A raid on suspected heroin dealers. (CC)	Forensic Files Gym teacher disap pears.	Forensic Files	Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	Body of Evidence From the Case Files	The Investigators woman is mysteriou	'Mind Games' A isly poisoned.	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justic "Robert Blake" (N)
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50	LIFE	(5:30) * *5 "Dolore Leigh, Judy Parfitt. I (CC)	es Claiborne" (1995 An abrasive woman i	, Suspense) Kathy B s accused of murder	ates, Jennifer Jason ing her employer.	"The Familiar Stra woman learns that	nger" (2001, Drama her husband faked hi) Margaret Colin, Jay s death. (CC)	O. Sanders. A	Missing "Sea of Lo new partner, Nicole	ve" Jess meets her Scott. (CC)	What Should You I	Do? (CC)
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59	MTV	Pimp My Ride A 1972 Toyota Land Cruiser	Pimp My Ride Ford Mustang con- vertible	Pimp My Ride A 1989 Ford Escort.	Pimp My Ride Pontiac Trans Am.	True Life "I Live to motorcyclists.	Ride" Aspiring stunt	2004 VMA Uncens		VMA Scandali- cious	MTV Cribs "VMA: Miami"	Hard Rock Live Sugarcult.	MTV Special
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Worldly sound

Irish siblings The Corrs get lucky with native inspired pop

By SCOTT MERVIS

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Although they hail from Dundalk, County Louth, in Ireland and use such traditional instruments as bodhran and violin, the Corrs aren't necessarily Irish Fes-

The group of four siblings singer Andrea, violinist Sharon, drummer Caroline and guitarist/keyboardist Jim - have become known worldwide for shimmering pop music, laced with just the slightest hints of Celtic traditional

It had a lot to do with an unbringing that included their musician parents performing covers of American pop groups.

"I think our harmonies are very much influenced by that, says Sharon Corr. "Mom was a singer, Dad played keyboards. They listened a lot to the Eagles and Carpenters, a lot of very melodic music, and they covered a lot of music that was big on the charts at the time.

"So, we were influenced by American music and British music and also by the music on our doorstep. It sort of fused its way into our songwriting, and we thought it was a pretty unique

The Corrs' pop emphasis was front and center when the group formed in 1991, first as regional group, then as an international concern when its debut, "Forgiven, Not Forgotten," was released

in 1996. Its breakthrough hit in the States was the irresistibly catchy "Breathless," from the 2000 release "In Blue."

That breakthrough coincided with the Corrs taking a break from the spotlight.

We were sort of on the road for seven years nonstop," Sharon says. "We were fairly jaded after a while, so we did need some time to get our personal lives sorted out, because that had been put on hold for years."

The happy interruptions included Sharon, the eldest sibling, get-ting married in 2001 and then Caroline marrying in 2002 and having a baby the next spring. She's currently eight months pregnant with her second child and obvious ly not drumming with the Corrs on four.

Somewhere in between all that, the Corrs did find time to write and record "Borrowed Heaven," a fourth record of majestic pop

a fourth record of majestic pop that leads off with another spar-kling single, "Summer Sunshine." Produced by Olle Romo, the record also includes the Bono co-write "Time Enough for Tears" (from the "In America" coundtrack) a title track that fea. soundtrack), a title track that features Ladysmith Black Mambazo and a closing traditional instrumental, "Silver Strand."

One of the more memorable tracks is Sharon's "Goodbye," a song, written about the passing of their mother in 1999, that asks, "Where are you now? Could I get there somehow?"



Andrea Corr, lead singer of Irish pop group The Corrs, performs on the Stravinski hall stage during the 38th Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland, in July. Blending American and British influences with sounds from their native country, the four siblings have forged a career spanning more than a decade.

"With emotional stuff like that, ou don't often have a choice, she says. "It just comes out of you. That's the wonderful thing about music: It's a vessel for your emotions, and it can be very theraeutic to write about what you're feeling

The title track covers similar ground, and with its subtle Afro-pop beat, it seemed a natural for a collaboration with Ladys-

"We'd met Ladysmith a couple

times," Sharon says, "and we also had known the music from Paul Simon's 'Graceland.' 'Borrowed Heaven' screamed for them. We asked them to sing with us, and so when we went to Johannesburg for Nelson Mandela's 80th birthday, we hired a studio and worked with them. It was a terrif-

ic experience.' In the past, we've watched all manner of sibling groups parade across the pop stage, from the

How does the dynamic work in the Corrs?

"In the beginning, when we were promoting and touring, we were really living in each other's pockets," Sharon says. "We were finding very little time for our individuality. And in those early days, we did fight an awful lot more. We learned to deal with it. and we worked hard to respect each other and get rid of that presumption that because you're family, you're alike. Families can be Jacksons to the Kinks to Hanson very, very different.'

Too young for a legend?

How old is a movie legend? Def-initely older than 37-year-old Nicole Kidman, according to Lau-

ren Bacall.

Bacall became irritated during an interview on a British TV show Wednesday when the younger actress was described as "a leg-

"She's not a legend," Bacall said, cutting off interviewer Jenni Falconer in mid-sentence.

"She's a beginner. What is this 'legend?' She can't be a legend at whatever age she is. She can't be a legend, you have to be older.' The two actresses were in Venice, Italy, to promote their new film "Birth," in which 79-year-old Bacall plays Kidman's mother.

Hepburn memorabilia

Katharine Hepburn's estate is giving back to the group that awarded the famed actress four

The Academy of Motion Pic-ture Arts and Sciences library has received thousands of photographs and decades worth of letters, scraphooks and screenplays Hepburn saved over her career.

She meticulously stored objects documenting her life and career, which spanned 60 years.

The collection of letters in-

cludes numerous exchanges with directors, including George Cukor, John Huston and David Lean

There also is material showing her involvement in social and political issues and her close personal relationships with Cary Grant, Tennessee Williams, Laurence Olivier, John Wayne, Henry Fonda, and of course, Spencer

Jam. Lewis head west

Music producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis have sold their Flyte Tyme Studios in Minnesota for \$2.3 million.

Jam and Lewis, who have pro-duced more No. 1 hits than any-one except Beatles producer George Martin, have moved their production business to Los Ange-

deal for 18,000-square-foot facility closed Sept. 1, said Brian Fogelberg, who represented Jam and Lewis

Flyte Tyme Productions.
The buyer, Karl Bohn, is a prominent real estate developer who has been involved in a number projects south of the Minnesota River. It's expected that Bohn will continue to use the Flyte Tyme building for producing

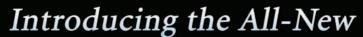
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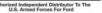
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Hansen, Okinawa - 91 Colica GT-R-Black, clean, mint condi-tion with MP3CD player, AIC needs to be recharge, ICI due Cotober 2004, \$1200.00. E-mail: howk@3dk.usmc.mil for pictures or call Cpl Ho (W) 823-4454. Chrome Birns, Fully loaded, power seast, locks, windows, log lights, CD Player, Spoller, titl-wheel, wood-grain interior, cruise control, sun-root, JCI until November of 2005. \$250.00 in reason for low price is I am PCSing and the AC does not work Call Handy at 646-4536 or email at rjackson68@gmail.com Foster - 92 Toyota Cresta JCI 11/05 4 door family carl Excel-lent condition. Cold aid: CD AMFM player wiremote. Price reduced to sell quickly! \$1800 obo. Call 646-8176 and leave a message

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Nissan Primera - JCI Feb 2005 - loe cold AC, power windows, Kerwood CD player. No mech problems, separating very soon \$1000 OBO. Pts call Chris 533-2676 or email for pics vendilli @ kda. attmil.ne. p or christopher.vendilli @ kadena.af. mil email trewordince the retosope net Kadena 1989 Honda Integra LS, green, 4-door, automatic, cold ArC, 65,000km, JGL until February 2006, white 15° rims, excellent condition. Call Cyrus at 633-2210 or 622-5708. You can also the condition of the cold of the Kadena 1995 Honda Odyssey, JGL Jul 2005, cold ArC, gas, JGL 100 Cold Cold Cold Cold Cold T, Well maintaned, excellent condition! Available Aug 31, 5500 OBO, 633-3781

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window. Call 926-0689 or email jeffitho@moon.odn.ne.jp for pic tures. Kadena, Okinawa - 95 Mitsu bishi RVR - 88 km, AW drive automatic, power windows, pow-er locks, cold AIC, JCI until April 2006. Many upgrades to vehicle. New brakes, rotors, battery, driveshaft and tires in August 2004. Too many extra to list.

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Okinawa - 1993 Nissan Pulsa four door white sedam: JCI until October 2004, excellent condi-tion, new tires, A/C, AM/FM radio, automatic transmission, \$1,400 or best offer. Call Ted at 633-4801.

Okinawa - 1994 Nissan Serena MiniVan, with a 2yr JCI. Aug 06. Excellent family Van, excel lent conditions, AT, A/C, 6CD tent conditions, A1, AC, 6CL changer, power windows/locks tinted. Asking \$2,500. or Bes ofter. Please call 622-5197 o 090-9787-8605.

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Okinawa - 1997 Toyota Spacio, auto, all pwr, AIC, AMFM Cass, ICI to June 25, 2006. Has I-plate so can x-fer either way, olise & silver: 55795 includes all Transfer costs John 1990-3196-2087 or 892-6772, brova @i-lokinawa.ne.jo

Okinawa - 98 Mitsubishi Galant JCI until summer 2005. Blaci ext/black int, 4 dr sedan, sport excelack int, 4 dr sedan, sporty for single yet comfortable for family. Alpine single removable in-dash & CD changer in trunk wisubwooter. Steptronic auto trans, excellent gas mileage wiGDI econo. apan. No modifications except ir dark tint to match Black ext. egularly maintained at author-ad Mitsubishi dealership. Ask-ig \$6000. Call 090-3070-5292

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Auto Parts 180

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Kadena, Okinawa - Forever mine crib, maple colored, conwerts to todder bed and later to full size bed. \$175, mattress included. Excellent condition, only 1 year old. Call Jennifer at \$63 - 1137 or e mail if sundaley0203@aol.com will email pictured.

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separately, \$80 for the strolle and \$40 for the baby carrier Please call 632 3499 or cell

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have had it less than a year.
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the lamps. I have two wooden
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Canada blanks Slovakia to reach World Cup semifinals

TORONTO - Jarome Iginla had two goals and an assist to lead Canada into the World Cup of Hockey semifinals with a 5-0 victory over Slovakia on Wednesday night.

Vincent Lecavalier, Ryan Smyth and Joe Sakic also scored for Canada, which will play the Czech Republic in Toronto on Sat-

urday night in one semifinal. The United States plays Finland on Friday night in St. Paul, Minn., in the other semifinal

Canada has dominated the tournament, going 4-0 while outscoring its opponents **Sports**

briefs game, and I think we responded real well," goaltender Martin Bro-

"This was our first real test in a do-or-die

Brodeur was barely tested, finishing with 23 saves for his first shutout of the

tournament.

Harrington leads German Masters PULHEIM. Germany Ryder Cup player Padraig Harrington, playing days after laser eye surgery, broke for one-stroke lead over Alex Cejka at the German Masters.

Harrington, Europe's highest-ranked player at No. 8, took the lead with a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole. He had five birdies on the back nine.

Cejka of Germany shot a 67 in the final tournament before the Europeans play the Americans next week at Oakland Hills outside Detroit

Els three back in Korean Open

SEOUL, South Korea — Ernie Els was three strokes behind leader Hendrik Buhr-

of the Korean Open on Thursday.

Buhrmann, from South Africa, made six birdies and an eagle for a 4-under 68 at the 7.047-vard Woo Jung Hills Country Club in

Goosen shoots par,

is five shots behind in Japan INZAI, Japan - Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen shot a par-70 Thursday in the opening round of the Sun-tory Open, leaving him five strokes behind ders Scott Laycock of Australia and Y.E. Yang of South Korea.

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arn-spois, if ann — basebail: St. Louis at Los Angeles. AFN-Radio, noon — Basebail: St. Louis at Los Angeles (joined in progress). AFN-Sports, 4 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Busch Series, Emerson Radio 250 AFN-Sports, 8 p.m. — Baseball: Cleveland at Oakland (dld).

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Tennis

U.S. Open

Thursday At The USTA National Tennis Center New York Purse: \$17.75 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Hard-Outdoor

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6-2.

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Semifinals

Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Bob Bryan
(4), United States, def.
Rennae Stubbs, Australia, and Daniel
Nestor (1), Canada, 7-5, 6-3.

Pro football

NFL schedule

Thursday's game
Indianapolis at New England
Saturday's game
Tennessee at Miami
Detroit at Chicago
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets

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Seattle at Tampa Bay Cleveland at Dallas N.Y. Jets at San Diego Buffalo at Oakland New England at Arizona Miami at Cincinnati

Monday, Sept. 20 Minnesota at Philadelphia

NFL injury report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report for Week 1, as provided by the league:

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— Cowboys: OUT: WR Randal Williams (shoulder) Vikings: OUT: RB Michael Bennett (knee). QUESTIONABLE: WR Marcus Robinson (hamstring); CB Brian Williams (knee). Scholding Vitaling College of Walkhate Scholding College of Scholding Co

namstring). JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS at BUFFALO BILLS JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS AT BUFFALO BILLS

— Jaguars: OUT: TE Kyle Brady (finger)

QUESTIONABLE: RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala
(foot). PROBABLE: QB Byron Leftwich (right
hand): RB Fred Taylor (foot): TE George
Wrighster (foot). Bills: OUT: QB J.P. Losman

(ankle); S Lawyer Milloy (foream), PROBA BLE: RB Joe Burns (ankle); LB Angelo Crowel (hamstring); RB Travis Henry (rib); CB Ter rence McGee (thigh). NEW YORK CLAND CO.

NEW YORK GIANTS at PHILADELPHIA EA-GLES - Giants: QUESTIONABLE: CB Will Allen citize - www. usunity art principel Will a Ba-(knee). The Jeremy Shockey (han-string/foot); WR Jamaar Taylor (hamstring). Eagles: OUT: Dr Paul Grasmanis (Achilles). PRÖBABLE: S Brian Dawkins (knee): LB Dhani Jones (ankle); G Jermane Mayberry (hamstring); WR Terrell Owens (abdomen): (knee): DT Hollis Thomas (abdomen): BJ Ser-emiah Trotter (rib); CB Matt Ware (knee): LB Nate Wayne (hamstring).

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TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS at WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Buccaneers: report no injuries. Redskins: QUESTIONABLE: LB Mike Barrow (knee). PROBABLE: TE Brian Kozlowski

(knee). Monday
GREEN BAY PACKERS at CAROLINA PANTHERS — Packers: DOUBTFUL: DT Kenny
Peterson (ankle/knee). QUESTIONABLE: LB
Torrance Marshall (hamstring). PROBABLE:
TE Steve Bush (r/b); WR Donald Driver
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Pacific League

Thursday Nippon Ham 7, Orix 5

College football

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Thursday

No. 19 Missouri ar Friday

No. 4 Florida State at No. 5 Miami

No. 15 Outhern Cal vs. Colorado State

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No. 15 Us. 4 Aransas

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No. 10 No.

Virginia vs. North Carolina i lowa vs. Iowa State Utah at Arizona Auburn at Mississippi State Clemson vs. Georgia Tech Wisconsin vs. UNLV Minnesota vs. Illinois State Maryland vs. Temple Orenon vs. Indiana

Pro soccer

No. 23 Maryland vs. 1emple No. 24 Oregon vs. Indiana No. 25 Purdue vs. Ball State

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or tie.

Wednesday's games
Columbus 1, San Jose 0
Friday's games
Kansas City at Colorado
Saturday, Sept. 11
Dallas at D.C. United
New England at MetroStars Dallas at D.C. United New England at MetroStars San Jose at Los Angeles Saturday, Sept. 18 MetroStars at Columbus Chicago at D.C. United Colorado at New England Los Angeles at Dallas San Jose at Kansas City

Pro basketball

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World Cup

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Wednesday, Sept. 1
At Stockholm, Sweder
Sweden 4, Czech Republic 3
At Montreal

Canada 5, Slovakia 1
Thursday, Sept. 2
At Cologne, Germany
Finland 3, Germany 0
At St. Paul, Minn.
Russia 3, United States 1

Hockey

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Sweden 4, Finland 4, tie
At Toronto
Canada 3, Russia 1

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Sunday, Sept. 5 At Toronto At Toronto Russia 5, Slovakia 2 Quarterfinals Monday, Sept. 6 Finland 2, Germander, Sept. 7 Czech Republic 6, Sweden 1 At St. Paul, Minn. United States 5, Russia 3 At Toronto Canada 5, Slovakia 0 Canada 5, Slovakia 0

Canada 5, Slovakia 0 Semifinals Friday, Sept. 10 At St. Paul, Minn. Finland vs. United States Saturday, Sept. 11 At Toronto Czech Republic vs. Canada Championship At Toronto
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Semifinal winners

Deals

Wednesday's transactions BASEBALL

American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Purchased the con

tract or C Paul Primips from Omania of the CLL YORK YANKEES—Recalled LHP Brad Halsey from Columbus of the IL. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Released IB-DM Randall Simon. Recalled Of Midre Cummings from Durhamman League ATLANTA BRAVES—Recalled RHP Roman Colon from Greenville of the Southern League

CRICHNATI REDS—Announced INF Bran-don Larson accepted his outright assign-ment to touisville of the IL.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Signed RHP David Weathers. Designated LHP Tomny Phelps. LHP Michael Tejera and OF Chip Ambres for

ssignment.

NEW YORK METS—Recalled RHP Aaron
Jeilman from Norfolk of the IL. Heilman from Norfolk of the IL.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS—Acquired G-F Eric Platkowski, G-F Adrian Griffin and G Milke Wilks
from the Houston Rockets for C Dikembe Mu-

tombo.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Named
Chris Wright president of Timberwolves and
the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx. Named Rob
Moor chief executive officer for Timberwolves and Lynx. NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed C Bruno Sun-

DV. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Waived G Greg Buckner. WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Named Tim Con-nelly assistant director of player personnel.

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National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed DT John Nix.
Igned TE Bobby Bilzzard and OT Jim Newnot the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed DE Aaron Schobel o a contract extension.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed TE Sean Ryan
o the practice squad. Released TE Landon

DETROIT LIONS—Signed LB Ivory McCoy to he practice squad. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Andrae hurman and FB Vonta Leach to the practice

quad. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Acquired RB Lamar Gor-lon from St. Louis for a 2005 third-round ion from St. Louis for a 2000 current pick.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed CB Earthwind Moreland to the practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed QB Killff (ingsbury and DT Shaun Smith to the prac-

NEW YORK JETS—Placed CB Ray Mickens in injured reserve. Signed CB Terrell Buck-

ley.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed Andy Reid, coach, to a four-year contract extension through the 2010 season. Signed OL Steve Sciulio. Placed OL Adrien Clarke on injured

eserve.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed QB Brian
item of the practice squad. HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Signed F Tim

rent to a three-year contract.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Agreed to terms

NASHVILE PREDATORS—Agreed to terms with D Ryan Suter on a three-year contract. OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed F Brandon Bothenski to a multiyear contract. PHILADELPHIA FI VERS.—Signed F Nick Detchenes, F Mark Murphy and D David Printz. PHTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed D Darcy bobinson to a one-year contract. SAN JOSE SHARKS—Re-signed F Miroslav 'alkerak'.

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Dolphins-Titans moved to Saturday

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MIAMI - The Miami Dolphins' opening game against the Tennessee Titans will be played Saturday instead of Sunday be cause of approaching Hurricane

Ivan could reach southern Florida as soon as Sunday, forecasters said The Dolphins and Titans had been scheduled to kick off at

1 p.m. EDT that day.
"It's pretty wild," linebacker
Junior Seau said Thursday. "Where I come from, we have earthquakes. It just happens. Here, you can monitor hurricanes for days and days and your

life stops "With the weather we have, it can scare a lot of our fan support

away and that's understandable.' For the Dolphins, the scheduling change is the latest development in a preseason that included the retirement of running back Ricky Williams and concerns about Hurricane Frances. The storm last week prompted talk of a player boycott when the Dolphins were forced to play an exhibition game in New Orleans against their wishes as the storm threatened Florida

'We're bullet-proof at this point," coach Dave Wannstedt said

"There's nothing that anyone can do or say that will hurt us. Everyone knows what we've been through."

Suggs doubtful for opener

BEREA, Ohio - Cleveland Browns running back Lee Suggs did not practice again Wednesday and is listed as doubtful for Sunday's season opener against the Baltimore Ravens

Suggs sustained a neck stinger during practice last week and was kent out of Cleveland's exhibition finale against Chicago. He hasn't practiced this week, and indications are he'll miss the onen-

Browns coach Butch Davis said Suggs has full range of motion and is not in pain. However, following Wednesday's practice, Davis said the team is not counting on Suggs being available.

'We have prepare as if he's not going to play," Davis said. On the NFL's injury reports

"doubtful" means there is a 75 percent chance of not playing. Suggs said if was up to him he'd

play. But team doctors will have the final decision on allowing the second-year back to suit up against one of the NFL's best defenses.

This summer, Suggs led the Browns in rushing during the exhibition season while outplaying William Green, who will get the bulk of the carries if Suggs can't

Dolphins' Bowens to miss opener DAVIE, Fla. - Miami Dol-

nhins defensive tackle Tim Rowens will miss Sunday's opener against Tennessee because of a back injury.

Bowens was ruled out Wednes-

The 6-foot-4, 325-pound run



stopper practiced sparingly during training camp and played just

ne preseason game. Without Bowens, Jeff Zgonina will start next to Larry Chester.

The injury also means newly signed tackle Bryan Robinson will see significant playing time. The Dolphins signed Robinson on

McGahee settles for backup role ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.

Travis Henry will be the Buffalo Bills starter on opening day, leaving Willis McGahee to settle for

playing backup.

McGahee said Wednesday he can live with the role, but he

doesn't have to like it.
"That's their decision, it ain't mine." McGahee said after practice. "That's all I can say about that. I'm not worried about it. My time will come. . . . Only one per-son can start, and unfortunately

he's the one that's starting And it's not enough that McGahee will get playing time in third-down situations.

"What, third down?" McGahee said. "Nothing's good enough for now. But you know, you always strive to be better, and that's what

I'm going to do." It came as no surprise when coach Mike Mularkey announced he's sticking with Henry, the in-

cumbent, heading into the team's opener against Jacksonville on "Travis is the starting running back," Mularkey

back," Mularkey said. "If he needs a blow, Willis is there in the wings and, hopefully, there's not a dropoff in level of play.

Bills DF Schohel extends deal

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Defensive end Aaron Schobel signed a five-year contract extension Wednesday, allowing the Buffalo Bills to secure their star pass

The contract, believed to be worth about \$23 million — includ-ing a \$6.75 million signing bonus locks him up through the 2009 season.

A second-round pick in the 2001 draft, Schobel was entering the fourth and final year of his rookie contract, which paid him an average of \$711,000 a season.

Schobel was pleased to com plete the contract because it allows him to focus on this season and not worry about whether he'll become a free agent after this sea-

"Of course, I always want to make more. But if I would've known I'd be making this after three years, I'm so happy," Scho-

"Maybe I left something on the table. Maybe I didn't. It's over with and I'm happy."

Schobel is coming off his best season in which he had 111/2 sacks, becoming only the fifth Bills player to have a 10-plus sack season. He's led the team in sacks in each of his three seasons, in which he started 43 of 48 games.



Roger Federer hits a return against Andre Agassi during their U.S. Open quarterfinal Thursday in New York. Federer beat Agassi 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3. The match had been suspended Wednesday because of rain.

Top seed Federer eliminates Agassi in U.S. Open quarters

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Roger Federer posted a huge victory in the howling wind, beating two-time champi-on Andre Agassi 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 Thursday in a U.S. Open quarterfinal match suspended the previous night because of rain

Playing in gusts up to 39 mph that made the ball sail in silly fashion, the top-seeded Federer advanced to the Open semifinals for the first time. 'It was very difficult. It was one of the worst condi

tions I've played in," Federer said. "It's like playing warmup tennis and trying to keep the ball in play." Serving was especially tough.

"Such strong winds I couldn't even toss my ball right," Federer said, "I had to kind of toss it behind me so it would come forward and hope that it would land in the right spot. That's how extreme it is.

Next up for the Wimbledon and Australian Open winner is No. 5 Tim Henman, who defeated Do-minik Hrbaty 6-1, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2. That match also began Wednesday night, and was stopped with Henman trailing in the third set.

Lleyton Hewitt swept Tommy Haas 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 Defending champion Andy Roddick was scheduled to take on Joachim Johansson in the night session.

After an early 45-minute rain delay at the Nation al Tennis Center, Agassi and Federer took over the court — and the weather took over at Arthur Ashe

"Wind like this, everybody can stay home and flip coins," Agassi said

In fact, almost every shot became a 50-50 proposi tion. One of Federer's lobs got caught in a gust and floated funnily into the sideline seats, and even routine returns curved crazily.

Both players paused for time before serving, and then sometimes had to hold up when their tosses blew off-course. The net also puffed out - Agassi said things were mostly blowing in one direction out

"Nobody likes the wind. The question is if you like it more or less than your opponent," Agassi said.
"I've always played pretty well in the wind.

"It's taken me 34 years to get myself not to com plain about the conditions. It was about me dealing with it the best I can," he said. "Today, hitting the ball dead center of the court was a great shot. If the ball left my racket and was in play, it was my advan-

The 23-year-old Federer kept up his bid to become the first man to win three Grand Slam titles in a season since Mats Wilander in 1988. He has lost six of eight matches against Henman, who is trying to win his first major championship.

Davenport, Capriati headline women's semifinal matches

BY HAL BOCK The Associated Press

NEW YORK - No. 1 is gone. So is No. 2. The French Open champion and the Wimbledon champion left days ago and the Williams sisters were done soon after that

Still, the U.S. Open has some headline players set for Friday's women's semifinal matches, with the No. 1 ranking hanging on the outcome.

No. 5 Lindsay Davenport faces No. 9 Svetlana Kuznetsova and No. 8 Jennifer Capriati plays No. 6 Elena Dementieva with the winners advancing to Saturday night's final.

They are the survivors after defending champion Justine Henin-Hardenne, No. 2 Amelie Mau mo, No. 3 Serena Williams, French Open champi-on Anastasia Myskina and Wimbledon winner Maria Sharapova all bowed out of the tourna-

This is the first time in the Open Era that none of the top four women's seeds have made it to the semifinals of the U.S. Open.

Still the matchups offer considerable intrigue, specially for Davenport, seeking her second U.S. Open championship.

Kuznetsova, Dementieva and Capriati have never played for the U.S. Open title. The stakes are highest, however, for Davenport, the 1998 winner, who arrived at the season's final Grand Slam event as the hottest player on the women's

tour with four straight hardcourt tournament vic-She has won 22 consecutive matches and if she wins this event, she will claim the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis

If Davenport loses to either Kuznetsova or in the final, then the top spot goes to No. 2 Amelie

Mauresmo, who lost in the quarterfinals to Dementieva and has never won a Grand Slam tour-

RACING STRIPES

A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

Last chance

Only 10 drivers will leave Richmond with a shot at winning the Nextel Cup title

BY HANK KURZ JR.

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. - And so. after 25 races, it comes down to this: Four spots up for grabs in NASCAR's 10-race championship shootout, nine drivers with a shot and one of the raciest tracks on the schedule the place where it will be decided.

"This is the make or break race of the year for us, so we're going to have to pull out all the stops in order to put ourselves in contention to win," Kevin Harvick said of Saturday night's Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway

It marks the end of the 26-race championship qualifying series. and will be followed by an all-new 10-race shootout among the top 10 drivers in the standings.

A week ago, Harvick was in eighth place going into the race at Fontana, Calif., but a 28th-place finish sent him tumbling to the end of the line of contenders, 56 points behind No. 10 Mark Martin, and forcing him into a decided change in strategy.

Harvick now ranks 15th and will have to beat Jamie McMurray, Bobby Labonte, Dale Jarrett and Jeremy Mayfield - along with at least one driver who will start Saturday night's race in the top 10 - to gain a spot in the championship chase.

"We're on the aggressive now and they're the ones who need to be looking over their shoulders, not me anymore," Harvick said "... The time is now to go for it all."

Like Harvick, other drivers

needing to make up ground at Richmond view the three-quarter-mile oval as an interesting place to wrap up the qualifying se

McMurray, rankec 11th and only 25 out of the top 10, was running well here in the spring be-fore tangling with Joe Nemechek being relegated to a

38th-place finish. "That's the thing about Richmond," McMurray said. "It's a short track and you can be caught

44 I think it's going to be a great track for it. A short track. Saturday night.

I'm sure there will be a full moon out and tempers flaring at the end of it. 77

Jeremy Mayfield 14th in the driver standings

up in someone else's mess and have your night end early.' For Mayfield, this race is a

chance to undo a number of mistakes earlier in the season that combined to put him 55 points out of 10th going into the finale.

"We've just got to go in there and race and do whatever it takes to win the race and get all the points we can get," Mayfield, who is 14th, said. "Whatever the consequences are, we'll have to deal with them later and race aggressively and do whatever you've got to do to win. ... I don't care about anybody around me.'

Jarrett, 43 points behind Martin, thinks expectations that driver etiquette will be forgotten are misguided, at least until the last few laps, because aggressive driving can hurt the aggressor as much as his victim.

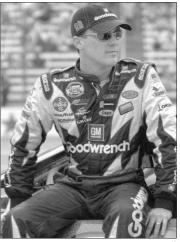
"People want to talk about taking chances and doing this and that on the race track." he said. 'You can't put yourself in that nosition. One spot might make a difference here in the last five laps of this race and you might have to do something at that point if it might be the difference between getting in or not."

Still, he said, the same unwritten rules of decency will apply. That means a nudge aside from a faster car is acceptable and expected, but causing a crash is not

"As far as literally taking somebody out, no, that's not the way to do it." he said. "That's not the way I've ever done it and I won't start now because of this."

Once the race begins, six drivers will have clinched spots. No. 7 Kurt Busch will have all but clinched one and the remaining contenders will be just 76 points apart, all hoping for a massive reshuffling like the one that took place at Fontana.

After that race, Harvick and Labonte fell out of the top 10, Kasey Kahne and Martin moved precariously in and Ryan Newman climbed from 10th to eighth.



After last week's 28th-place finish sent him tumbling from eighth to 15th in the driver standings, Kevin Harvick needs to go all out in the Chevy Rock & Roll 400 on Saturday night at Richmond. "This is the make or break race of the year for us so we're going to have to pull out all the stop in order to put ourselves in contention to win," he said.

After McMurray, Labonte is 36 points behind Martin.

Of course, the 10 who make it will be the focus for the rest of the season as they battle anew for the championship, but there will still be 33 other cars in each race. Among them, Rusty Wallace is

hoping to steal as much thunder as he can. "It'd be great to be able to

crash that points hoopla party that everyone knows the race will be," said Wallace, who recently announced he's retiring after

next season. "For a job like this, we know that we need to bring out the heavy artillery.

Wallace is bringing a car he's ubbed "The Predator" this dubbed week, along with a series-high six career victories since the speedway was reconfigured in 1988.

Mayfield expects an exciting prelude to the title chase

"I think it's going to be a great track for it," he said. "A short track, Saturday night. I'm sure there will be a full moon out and tempers flaring at the end of it."

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Race 25: Chevy Rock & Roll 400. 8:30 a.m. Sunday (live), AFN-Pacific/Korea.

Last race: Elliott Sadler assured himself of a spot in the championship chase by winning the Pop Secret 500 in Fontana, Calif

Sadler has to start the next race to DRIVERS TO WATCH

Jamie McMur- Bobby Labon- Dale Jarrett ray is 11th in the te is in 12th the 13th-place

officially clinch a spot.

Last year: Rvan Newman held on through three restarts, the last with

four laps to go, and won the Chevrolet FAST FACTS



Nextel Cup race record Dale Jarrett, 108.707, Sept. 6,

This is the final event be fore the champi onship chase, in which the top 10 drivers battle for the title. ... Mark Martin is 10th in

the standings, 25 points ahead of lamie McMurray Jamie McMurray and 36 in front or Bobby Labonte ... Kasey Kahne has five sec ond-place finish es this season.

After 25 of 36 races

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5. Matt Kenseth 3,253 6 Filiott Sadler 3 204 3.186 8. Ryan Newman 3,078

9. Kasey Kahne 3,067 10. Mark Martin 3.058 11. Jamie McMurray 3.033 12. Bobby Labonte 3.022 13. Dale Jarrett 3.015

14. Jeremy Mayfield 3,003 15 Kayin Harvick 3 002 16. Casey Mears 2,704 17. Michael Waltrip 2,674

18. Jeff Burton 2,647 2,647 18. Robby Gordon 20. Rusty Wallace 2,641

BUSCH SERIES

This week: Emerson 250 at Richomd FN-Sports). Last race: Greg Biffle and Casey Mears dominated the Target House 300 at Fontana, Calif., swapping the lead twice down the stretch before Biffle Last year: Johnny Sauter bumped Matt Kenseth into the wall in the final urn and won the Funal 250 at Richmond or his second career Busch victory. Next race: Stacker 200, Sept. 25,

INDY RACING

his week: Delphi Indy 300 at Joliet, Ill. pe-delayed, 11 p.m. Tuesday.

races, Andretti Green Racing driv-wept the top three spots, a first by Last year: Sam Hornish Jr. ott Dixon by just .0099 secon econd straight Delphi victory.

Next race: Toyota Indy 400, Oct. 3, Fon-

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

This week: Kroger 200 at Richmond, a. (Tape-delayed, 4 p.m. Friday,

Last race: Carl Edwards came from he back of the field and edged Shane imiel to win the O'Reilly 200 at Bristol Notor Speedway.

Last year: Tony Stewart passed Ted

Assorable for the lead with 16 laps to go Next race: New Hampshire 200, Sept. Loudon, N.H.

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FORMULA ONE

This week: Italian Grand Prix at

More trainer Grand Prix at the Common Grand Prix at the Common Grand Prix on despite not winning for just the second time in 1 access this season. Schumacher Hinshed cares this season. Schumacher Hinshed care the Common Grand Prix on the Common Grand Prix on the Common Grand Prix of the Common G Next race: Chinese Grand Prix, Sept. 26, Shanghai.

This week, rivals are mismatched

Michigan, Texas heavy favorites

BY RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Pres

While Florida State and Miami appear to be headed toward another close contest, two of college football's other storied rivalries look like mismatches.

Notre Dame and Michigan meet for the 32nd time Saturday. and Texas plays at Arkansas in the 35th anniversary of their most memorable game.

The eighth-ranked Wolverines are 13½-point favorites at South Bend against a Notre Dame team that is coming off a disheartening loss to BYU

The seventh-ranked Longhorns are also double-digit favorites on the road, facing an Arkansas squad that looks very little like the one that snapped Texas 20-game home winning streak last season with a 38-28 victory. Quarterback Matt Jones is the only returning offensive starter for Arkansas

"We're a different team nov with a lot of younger guys and I don't know how much they know about Texas." coach Houston Nutt said. "Our younger guys probably don't understand that tradition of Arkansas-Tevas

In 1969, Texas was No. 1 and Arkansas No. 2 when they met in Fayetteville for the "Big Shoot-out." President Nixon came to the game and declared Texas nation al champions after the Long-horns' 15-14 victory. The memory still riles some Razorbacks.

As for Notre Dame, the Irish went out of their way to get a game in before Michigan came to town. The plan went awry. They lost to BYU, 20-17, in another anemic offensive outing under coach Tyrone Willingham.

'There's not one that's more important when you look at it, but at the same times, you know where your big games are," Willingham said. "That's something that just comes naturally."

Notre Dame has lost 10 of its past 15 games, including 38-0 to Michigan last season. The picks:

Thursday
No. 19 Missouri (minus 10½) at
Troy State: The other Trojans are coming off impressive win over Marshall ... MISSOURI 34-14. Friday

No. 4 Florida State (plus 2) at No. 5 Miami: With some time to think about it, the pick's the same ... FLORIDA STATE 23-20.

Saturday

Colorado State (plus 24) at No. 1 Southern California: Trojans had two weeks to hear how unimpressive they were in opener ... USC 45-17

Houston (plus 35½) at No. 2 Oklahoma: Sooners have won eight straight against Texas schools — most better than Cougars ... OKLAHOMA 58-20.

No. 3 Georgia (minus 8) at South Carolina: Bulldogs are 12-1 on the road with QB David Greene ... GEORGIA 24-17.



Arkansas State (plus 41) at No. 6 LSU: No missed kicks necessary for Tigers ... LSU 54-10.

No. 7 Texas (minus 11) at Arkansas: Longhorns were irked by Hogs strutting around Royal Me orial Stadium last season ... TEXAS 31-13

No. 8 Michigan (minus 13) at Notre Dame: Irish have won last two against Michigan in South Bend ... MICHIGAN 30-13.

Marshall (plus 16) at No. 9 Ohio State: Zwick or Smith at QB? It hardly matters — Buckeyes win with defense ... OHIO STATE

No. 10 West Virginia (minus 20) at UCF: Kay-Jay Harris ran for 337 last week and may even get to start this week ... WEST VIR-

GINIA 44-17 Eastern Michigan (plus 37½) at No. 11 Florida: Hurricane Frances gave Gators an extra

week off .. FLORIDA 52-10. New Mexico State (minus 32) at No. 12 California: Golden Bears go for two straight 50-pointers CALIFORNIA 49-13

Fresno State (plus 13) at No. 13 Kansas State: Bulldogs' ... FRESNO STATE

North Carolina (plus 201/4) at No. 15 Virginia: The Tar Heels

struggled against William & Mary VIRGINIA 44-13 Iowa State (plus 241/2) at No. 16

Iowa: Drew Tate is the Hawkeyes fifth starting QB in last five years No. 17 Utah (minus 13) at Arizo

na: Coach Mike Stoops has first chance to show if the Wildcats are better ... UTAH 34-17.

No. 18 Auburn (minus 13) at Mississippi State: The Tigers have won the last two meetings by average of 30 points ... AU-

Georgia Tech (plus 7) at No. 20 Clemson: Tigers improved to 4-0 in overtime last week ... CLEM-SON 28-24

UNLV (plus 15) at No. 21 Wisconsin: Rebels upset the Badgers in Camp Randall last year. Not WISCONSIN 36-17

Illinois State (no line) at Minne sota: Gophers go for a second straight 60-pointer ... MINNESO-TA 55-7.

Temple (plus 27) at No. 23 and: Owls have lost 18 straight against Top 25 teams.
Make it 19. ... MARYLAND

Indiana (plus 20) at No. 24 Oregon: Ducks and Hoosiers haven't played since 1964 ... OREGON 45.20

Ball State (plus 30) at No. 25 Purdue: Cardinals give Boilermakers better game than Syracuse did ... PURDUE 38-14 Last week: 18-1 (straight): 5-12

(vs. points). Season: 18-1 (straight); 5-12

DODDS-Pacific volleyball teams, players to watch

CLASS AA

■ Guam High: Panthers started strong winning four of first six matches, behind returning senior setter Shella Mesa and senion hitter Sarah Bushong. Coach Ed Paz's ranks are bolstered by new outside hitter Divina Bruan and defensive specialist Maryanr Riano. Very promising squad.

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**B. Kadena Parthers, Okinawa Entire starting lineup graduated and coaches Rachelle Smith and Fred Hicks transferred, Only seniors Yumi Eykelbosch and Shonta Smith that posted list best-ever Far East finish, third place. New coach Jim Lewis, a retired away lieutenant with six years of coaching in the service and four in high school, transfers in from New Mexico.

Kubasaki Dragons, Okinawa: Coach Terry Chumley's cupboard was swept bare of all experienced middle hitters, Maria Bartz, Shanon Sumter and Christine Sea-baugh, by graduation. Only three players, se-niors Naomi Gordon and Erin Foote and jun-ior Rachel Roberts, return.

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8 Seoul American Falcons, South Koreas
Six returners, four of them starters, senior
middle blocker Sheriah Taua, senior defender-setter Jame Chal, junior middle blocker
Chivonner Royd and junior setter Kimberty
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All-League and All-Far East setter filo Bruce.
Senior Rachel Miller transfers in from Louisiana. Must replace departed middle blockers
Sarah Bradford, Joann Manoogjan.

■ Yokota Panthers, Japan: Strong or returning seniors, outside hitter Jonica dress, setter Darlene Seeley, middle bi Shawna Vitarbo plus newcomer seniors An-dravia Johnson and Daniella Cervantes join forces with junior JV promotee Nikki Doll and junior holdover Shiori Kaneko. Could be as good as team that finished fifth at Far as good as team East in 2001.

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Zama American Trojans, Japan: Youthful squad. Coach Dennis Becker hopes returning lunior Jamie Cayanong and influx of uniful control of the contro

win Class An urue.

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Park Falls inherits team that los Mile C. Kinnick Red Devils, Japan: New coach, Henry Falk, inherits team that lost both middle hitters, Carol Tully (graduation) and Alisa cilison (transfer). Three returners, junior Erica Niemeyer, sophomore Katie Wilkinson and senior Christine Traufler, will help, as will senior Jasmine Jordan, back after taking a year off.

arter taxing a year of the **Robert D. Edgren Engles, Japan:** Edgren posted its best-ever Far East finish, seventh, a year ago but the middle blocking that led the way (Lindsay Murchison, Janae Burt) has departed. Seniors **Arlie Boera** (outside hitter) and **Samantha Johnson** (outside hit ter-setter) and Junior **Langley Yard** (out-side-middle hitter) remain from last year's

CLASS A

■ Osan American Cougars, South Korea:
Coach Brian Swenty's charges primed for return to title they last won in 2013. All-Far
East junior middle blocker Mangaret Murse,
The Coach Coache Coache Coache Coache
Inior Aimee Parker, Sarah Rodriguez (Class
A best defensive player) and Maria Popelika
and junior Kara Baccus, each of them
All-League a year ago, Junior Janmel Accol Hursinger from Alcohearty, England.

transfers from Alconbury, England.

■ Taegu American Warriors, South
Korea: Another experienced lot, with
All-League seniors shaller Gooch and Christina Wolfonik returning with junior Kelli Cox.
Lindsey Jackson and Lynette Grant bolster
coach David Hagander's ranis. May be
threat to reach first Class A final since 1999.

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■ E.J. King Cobras, Japan: Often short or leight, Cobras and coach Mike Seltz might height, Cobras and coach Mike Seitz mi make that up with experience and heart; nor Cassie Tumbado, juniors Joann Yu Elicia Castro and sophomore Kayle Rh started a year ago. Leadership of gradua Erika Ongoco will be sorely missed.

DODDS teams often get stuck in middle

Far East girls volleyball dominated by teams that can hit and block

BY DAVE ORNAUER

The rise and fall of a Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific girls volleyball team can be quick and precipi-

Take last year's Far East Class AA volleyball tournament Cinderella story. Playing at home, the Kadena

Panthers bulldozed their way to the semifinals. Only a four-set loss to eventual

champion Academy of Our Lady of Guam kept the Panthers from becoming the fifth DODDS-Pacific squad to reach the finals, leaving them in third place.

But then all six starters graduated or transferred. Only three Panthers, two with Far East experience, return. Even coach Rachelle Smith left Rebuilding year? Not in the

eyes of new coach Jim Lewis, a retired Navy lieutenant who transferred in from Rio Rancho, N.M. who has coached high school ball for four years and Navy ball for

"At this level, if they're motivated and have the desire to play, the only thing that will stop them is themselves," Lewis said. "If they want to play, they'll play. My job is to get them to want to.' Lewis' "go-do-it"

might belie an awfully tall order Not only is Kadena's cupboard hare compared to last year, but, in general, DODDS-Pacific teams have had difficulty building consistent winners.

DODDS-Pacific schools, Zama American in Japan and Osan American in Korea ever have won a Class AA or Class A tournament. The tourna ment titles long have been the property of Guam schools (12 and Tokyo international schools (nine), which are able to keep and develop players.

"Maybe not so much the physical skills but what picks them up is they've been together, the experience of being a team player, knowing what's expected of the people beside them," said athletics director Bonnie Seeley of Yokota High in Japan. "And DODDS doesn't have the

middle-school program. Some of our JV players come in with no skill at all, while some of those other schools' players have been Seeley said. Every year is a rebuilding

nior setter Erin Foote of Okinawa's Kubasaki Dragons

Denny Hilgar, who's coached Seoul American for 24 years, runs a jamboree-style program for prospective prep players in March "but it's a crapshoot as to how many will be with you in the high school years," he said. "You think you can count on

somebody, and then find out, oops, the family left," said Hilgar, who must overcome the loss of four-year setter Jio Bruce and two middle blockers.

What does Kubasaki coach Terry Chumley do, for example, when graduation robs her of her top three hitters, Shanon Sumter, Maria Bartz and Christine Sea baugh? You make use of the talent

that you have, and you don't worry about what you don't have," she said. "If you have a strong defense and a couple of good hitters, you go with it

Just a handful of DODDS teams have kept their talent base Osan American in Korea boasts

the Pacific's tallest player, 6-foot-4 junior Margaret Nurse, and the Cougars are aiming to return to the Class A throne. Taegu American, with seniors Christina Wojtonik and Ashley Gooch and junior Kelli Cox, might challenge as well

Out of the ashes of a 15th-place Class AA finish, Yokota's Pan-thers carry a solid talent base in seniors Jonica Childress, Darlene Seeley and Shawna Vitarbo along with strong newcomers

"I'm excited. I think we have a lot of potential," Seeley said, add-ing that this Yokota team could equal or better the one that fin-ished fifth in the 2001 tourna-ment. "Comparing this group to others in the past, this team is as good, if not better than any in my

six years here." Others go about the business of retooling, such as Kadena, even if Lewis insists that "I don't consid-

er anything rebuilding.

Returning are senior Yumi Eykelbosch, who played regularly in 2003 and is the team captain, along with little-used senior Shonta Smith. Bailey Paschall, a junior, played during the season but

Goal in injury time lifts Americans to tie

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Panama -Cobi Jones scored two minutes into second-half injury time, and the United States escaped with a 1-1 tie against Panama in a World Cup qualifier on Wednesday

Roberto Brown's goal in the minute had 69th 110th-ranked Panama on track for a huge upset against the 10th-ranked Americans.

After three minutes of injury

time had been signaled, Eddie Lewis lofted the ball and it bounced off a Panamanian player who had challenged Brian McBride. On the soggy turf, Landon Donovan turned and mishit the ball, which sliced to

Jones, who might have been in an offside position, then beat goalkeener Donaldo Gonzalez from 8 yards for his 15th goal in 163 international appearances. It was the second time the United States

salvaged a tie on the road with a late goal by a second-half substi-tute — Brian Ching scored in the 89th minute of the semifinal opener at Jamaica on Aug. 18. The Americans (1-0-2) lead

Group A with five points, one ahead of Panama (1-1-1). El Salva-dor (1-1) played Jamaica (0-1-1) later Wednesday.

The top two nations in each of three groups advance to next year's regional finals, and the United States has three games re-

Championship a celebration of league's successful season

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripes

Commissioner Kyle Rhodus and the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League have more to celebrate Saturday than playing the championship game between the Misawa Marauders and four-time defending champion Yokosuka Seahawks

Rhodus and league coaches are calling this the most successful season in the circuit's five-year history.

"I think it was awesome," said Rhodus, who might understandably have felt apprehensive this season, his first on the job.

Yokosuka's Morale, Welfare and Recreation athletic director. elected USFJ-AFL commissioner by league vote in January, inherited a league that lost its three-team Okinawa contingent and had 32 games canceled the past four seasons, including the 2001 and 2003 championship games

With four teams, the league thrived this season. No games were called off.

"Even more important than not having a cancellation was the competitiveness on the field," Rhodus said. Yokosuka, Misawa and Vokota tied for first and the top three playoff seeds were decided by points tiebreaker.

"To have the top three finish tied for first in the regular season and the way it happened was just awesome," Rhodus said. "Overtime games, last-minute plays that decided games. I'm pleased with the season and I'm pleased with the teams and the players

The season culminates with Saturday's clash, a rematch of the 2002 championship game which Yokosuka won 16-6 over Misawa.

USFJ-AFL

Saturday's game coincides with the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. A pregame ceremony includes a moment of silence to remember the victims and those who've been killed in the war on terror. Yokosuka Naval Base commander Capt. King Dietrich will toss the coin at midfield

Right down to the last-place Atsugi White Dolphins, who played weekly with a shorthanded crew, Rhodus and coaches heaped praise on all involved in the

league this season. "It's nice to play for the championship," Seahawks coach Isaac Lee said. "But you wouldn't have a championship to play for if it weren't for the league

For Atsugi coach Ray Shabazz to hold the team together as he did is a tribute, Lee said. The 12 noints in a 24-12 loss to Vokosuka in the fifth week of the season was the most Atsugi scored in a game

"I saw a bunch of people com-ing together," Lee said of the White Dolphins. "They hung a couple of touchdowns on us. He was able to do some things. To go out and give it to you like that for four quarters. I think it speaks for You'd have to give him

coach of the year."

The Seahawks face their own tough test Saturday in the shape of a Marauders team that beat them 27-6 on July 17 at Misawa Air Base, then fell 18-12 two weeks later at Ikego Heights Naval Housing Facility - in four overtimes.

Yokosuka picks up a handful of

players who've been at sea with the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk battle group. But Lee said that makes little difference in a championship contest.

"You can throw everything out," he said. "It's going to be a slugfest. No finesse, no trickery, this is mano-a-mano. Put a hat on somebody, blocking and tackling the way I love to see football played."

Their main job likely will be stopping speedy, shifty Misawa running back James Coleman, the league's leading rusher with 1,044 yards on 153 carries. "He's been running over people," Lee said.

Assistant coach Thomas Mangan said the Marauders, who've lost to the Seahawks five of the last seven times they've played including all three meetings in 2002, have some long memories of those frustrations

We still have some players from [2002] who have a really bitter taste in their mouths from that," Mangan said. "A handful of the first-year players haven't been able to get over that four-overtime loss

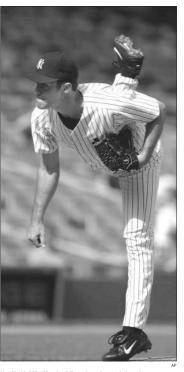
And it's been 19 years since any Misawa football team has won even a share of a championship: The Misawa Jets shared the 1985 crown with Yokota in the old USFJ league.

"Misawa's looking to make his tory," Mangan said.

"It's been a good season, an interesting season and the best is yet to come," Lee said.

"We'll have to wait and see how competitive the game is," Rhodus added. "But I don't think we could have asked for a better ending to the season."

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New York's Mike Mussina follows through on a pitch on the way to beating Tampa Bay in the opener of a doubleheader on Thursday.

Surging: Hudson struggles against Sox

SURGING, FROM BACK PAGE

Hudson (11-5) had his season-high, four-start winning streak end in frustrating fashion. He he game with three full-count walks hadn't allowed more than two in a game since coming off the disabled list with a strained stomach muscle on Aug. 7. "I just didn't make any pitches," Hudson said.

"They were patient with me and I was missing early, ... We're just setting them up for the playoffs - make them think I'm terrible

It took him 26 pitches to get his first out and 38 to finish the inning. He matched his season high with four walks in the first inning. He even plunked Jason Varitek in the right knee leading off the third.

Manager Ken Macha said before the game Hudson "is the guy who can go out there and absolutely dominate.

That wasn't true this time

The Red Sox reached base 15 times the first three innings, and Hudson put on a jacket and quickly escaped to the clubhouse after the third Chris Hammond came out to start the fourth

Hudson also lost his lone other meeting with the Red Sox this season, allowing five earned runs in four innings May 25 at Fenway Park in a 12-2 A's

"I think that's twice," Boston closer Keith Foulke said of Hudson's struggles against the Sox. "I've seen that guy pitch and I've never seen that happen."

Varitek's RBI single in the first extended his sea-son-best hitting streak to 14 games. Damon hit an



A lack of control and the Boston Red Sox brought Oakland Athletics pitcher Tim Hudson's four-start winning streak to an end Wednesday night.

RBI single in the Red Sox's three-run third to give

him an 11-game hitting streak.

Bobby Kielty hit a two-run double in the eighth for Oakland.

Mussina, Yankees defeat Devil Rays

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR. The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The rain staved away — and so did the fans — but the runs came early Thursday for the New York Yankees.

The Yankees scored five times in the first two innings, Mike Mussina pitched eight innings for his first victory in more than 10 weeks and New York beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 9-1 in the first game of a doubleheader.

Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui each drove in two runs for the Yankees, who have won four in a row and en tered the day two games ahead of Boston in the AL East. The Red Sox played at Seattle late Thursday night.

With the threat of heavy rain in the forecast and a mid-afternoon start time, only a few hundred fans were in the stands when the doubleheader started A nearly empty Yankee Stadium more resembled a Montreal Expos home game with the fans' individual cheers and shouts clearly audible as well as each crack of the bat.

The teams played two games because Wednesday's doubleheader was rained out. The first game Wednesday was supposed to be a makeup of Monday's doubleheader that was changed to one night game when the Devil Rays were unable to get to New York in time for Game 1 because of Hurricane Frances.

Mussina (10-9) allowed one run, four hits, struck out six and walked none to win for the first time since June 27. He had lost five straight decisions, the longest slump of his career.

The Devil Rays have lost a season-high 10 straight, their longest skid since they lost 15 in a row from April 25-May 10, 2002.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

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Kansas City's Joe Randa had reason to smile on Thursday after getting six hits and tying a major league record by scoring six runs in the Royals' 26-5 mauling of Detroit in the first game of a doubleheader. Detroit bounced back to gain a split with a 8-0 victory in the second game.

One for the books

K.C. sets runs record in opener; Detroit wins nightcap

The Associated Press

DETROIT - The Kansas City Royals set a team record for runs in a doubleheader Thursday Unfortunately for them, they did it all in the first game.

The Royals set numerous records in a 26-5 first-game rout of the Detroit Tigers, but had no offense left in an 8-0 Game 2 loss

Joe Randa led the Royals in the first game, going 6-for-7 and tving a major league record by scoring six times. He had five singles and a double. He wasn't in

the lineup for the second game. "He's awfully tired from run-ning the bases," Royals manager Pena cracked between games

Jeremy Bonderman (9-11) shut down the Royals in the nightcap, allowing six hits in eight innings Kansas City only got one runner into scoring position against the 21-year-old, who struck out nine. Randa also had two RBIs in the

first game when the Royals matched an American League record by putting 13 straight runners on base in an 11-run third inning. It was the most runs allowed by the Tigers in a nine-inning game; Detroit twice had al-lowed 24. Randa also became the first AL player with six hits and six runs in a nine-inning game.

The Royals had 26 hits against five pitchers. Angel Berroa had a three-run homer and five RBIs. Alberto Castillo drove in four

Zack Greinke (8-9) won it allowing three runs in five innings. Jason Johnson (8-13) dropped to 0-5 in his last seven starts, allowing 11 runs — nine earned —

Kevin Seitzer was the last Kansas City player with six hits in a game, on Aug. 2, 1987, and Los Angeles' Shawn Green was the last major leaguer to score six times, on May 23, 2002. Green also had six hits in that game

Roundup

The previous Royals' record for runs was 23, against Minnesota on April 6 1974 The major league record for a nine-inning game is 29 by the Boston Red Sox against St. Louis on June 8, 1950. The mark was tied by the Chicago White Sox against Kansas City on April 23, 1955.

It was the most runs scored in a major league game since Texas beat Baltimore 26-7 on April 19.

Kansas City led 6,2 after two innings, then put the game away in the third with one of its biggest innings.

Matt Stairs led off with a groundout, but the next 13 batters combined for three walks, two doubles and eight singles against three pitchers.

the time Ruben Gotay opped out to end the streak, the Rovals had scored 11 runs, one short of a team record, and led 17-2. All nine Royals scored at least once in the inning

Ivan Rodriguez, who left the opener in the third inning, gave the Tigers a quick start in the second game with a two-run double in the first inning.

Craig Monroe, who homered in the first game, had a sacrifice fly later in the inning, then made it 6-0 with a three-run home run in the third. Monme has hit in 22 of his last 23 games, including 12

In Wednesday's AL games: Twins 9, Orioles 0: Johan San-

tana (17-6) pitched seven innings of five-hit ball for visiting Minnesota, striking out nine without a walk, leaving with a 9-0 lead. Santana (17-6) struck out nine and walked none before leaving

with a 9-0 lead. He'sis unbeaten in 11 starts since July 11 and has a 1.38 ERA since the All-Star

David Segui and Miguel Tejada both had two hits for the Orioles, who didn't have a baserunner until the fifth inning. By then, it was way too late for Baltimore.

Matt LeCroy homered to cap a seven-run second inning for Minnesota which reached double fig. ures in hits (12) for the first time in seven games

White Sox 5, Rangers 2: Carlos Lee hit a tiebreaking RBI single in visiting Chicago's four-run sixth and Freddy Garcia (11-10) pitched five innings in his first start in over two weeks.

Ben Davis homered and Timo Perez hit a two-run double for the White Soy who have won five of six but remain 81/2 games behind first-place Minnesota in the AL Central.

Blue Jays 1, Angels 0: Justin Miller (3-3) allowed two hits over eight innings to outpitch Kelvim Escobar and lead visiting Toronto

over the Angels. Escobar (9-10) allowed a run and five hits in eight innings and set a career high with 12 strikeouts, pushing his season total to a career-best 162.

Indians 9. Mariners 5: Ronnie Belliard hit a three-run homer in the fourth for visiting Cleveland.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 1-for-5 to extend his hitting streak to 13 games and move with-in 30 of George Sisler's major league season record of 257 hits. Suzuki has 24 games left to reach the mark, set in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns.

Edgar Martinez hit two homers and Bret Boone and Greg Dobbs one each for Seattle, which lost its seventh straight. Dobbs' homer came in his first major league at-bat, the first Mariners player to accomplish the feat.

Streaks come to an end for Mets and Marlins

MIAMI - Kris Benson took a shutout into the seventh inning, Eric Valent homered and the York Mets ended three New streaks Thursday by beating the Florida Marlins 4-0.

The Mets snapped an 11-game losing streak while stopping the Marlins' franchise record-tying nine-game winning streak. New York also ended a run of 10 con-secutive losses to Florida. Benson (11-11), who skipped

his last turn with a sore shoulder, limited Florida to five hits and a walk in six-plus innings. He im proved to 3-3 since joining New York, with an ERA of 6.43.

The Marlins had three extra-base hits and put their leadoff batter on base four times, but stranded four runners in scoring position.

New York totaled 11 hits even with Mike Piazza and Cliff Floyd taking the day off. Valent, who started for the slumping Floyd, hit his 11th home run in the fifth to make it 2-0 against Ismael Valdez (12-8)

With the area recovering from Hurricane Frances and bracing for Hurricane Ivan, announced attendance was 13,102, but the actual crowd on a sunny, 87-degree afternoon numbered perhaps 4,000.

New York took a lead for the first time in 60 innings when Mike Cameron doubled in the second and scored on a single by Jason Phillins Wilson Delgado doubled home

a run in the seventh. David Weathers, signed Wednesday by Florida, gave up a run in the eighth when David Wright tripled and Richard Hidalgo singled him

In Wednesday's NL games:

Phillies 5-4, Braves 3-1: Rookie Gavin Floyd and five relievers combined on a three-hitter as Philadelphia completed the first doubleheader sweep by an opponent at Atlanta since San Diego took two on Aug. 7, 1990.

Amaury Telemaco, Todd Jones (9-5), Felix Rodriguez, Rheal Cormier and Tim Worrell each pitched an inning in the second game, with Worrell getting his 18th save. Paul Byrd (6-5) gave up two runs and eight hits in 62/3

In the opener, Jim Thome hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the eighth to reach 40 homers for the fourth straight season.

Rvan Madson (8-2) won the opener in relief of Vincente Padiland Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 17th save. Chris Reitsma (6-4) was the loser.

Giants 5, Rockies 3: Edgardo Alfonzo Alfonzo went 3-for-5 with a homer, Deivi Cruz hit a two-run went 3-for-5 double in San Francisco's four-run eighth and Marquis Grissom had three doubles as the visiting Giants won for the fourth time in five games.

Barry Bonds, with 698 homers, went 1-for-3 and walked once to move within one of the record of 198 he set two years ago

Tyler Walker (5-1) pitched the seventh and Dustin Hermanson got three outs for his 11th save. Steve Reed (3-5) was the loser. Expos 6, Cubs 0: Scott Downs

(3-5) threw a five-hitter for his first career shutout to beat Greg Maddux (13-9), who allowed five runs - two earned - and five hits in 72/3 innings and remained at 302 victories.

Terrmel Sledge homered for the visiting Expos, who won twice in the three-games series. Chicago has lost six of nine.

Marlins 3, Mets 0: Josh Beckett (7-8) allowed four hits in eight innings and blanked New York for his second start in a row to send host Florida to its ninth consecutive victory, tying a team record. Paul Lo Duca hit a two-run homer for Florida. Armando Benitez pitched a per

fect ninth for his NL-leading 41st save. 11 of which have come against the Mets, his former team. Jae Seo (4-9) took the loss.

Padres 10. Cardinals 5: Phil

Nevin and Ryan Klesko homered and David Wells (10-7) allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings and drove in two runs.

Matt Morris (15-9) allowed seven runs and five hits in two-plus innings for host San Diego, which trails Houston by two games in the wild-card race

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 5: Steve Finley doubled in the win-ning run in the ninth off Mike Koplove (3-4) as host Los Angeles maintained a 4½-game lead in the NL West over San Francisco. Eric Gagne (6-3) retired the side in the ninth.

Arizona (42-97) lost its sixth straight and dropped 55 games below .500 for the first time in franchise history.

Brewers-Pirates, The Milwaukee-Pittsburgh game was washed out by a day-long rain, courtesy of the remains of Hurricane Frances. The game was cancelled and won't be made up because both clubs are out of playoff contention Pittsburgh won the season se-

ries 12-6.

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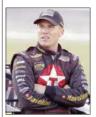
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Longtime college rivalries look like mismatches this weekend

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Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez works against the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday in Oakland, Calif. Martinez improved to 5-1 with a 1.25 ERA in seven starts at Oakland after the Red Sox defeated the A's 8-3 to complete a three-game sweep and gain their fourth victory in a row.

After completing sweep of A's, Red Sox feeling invincible

BY JANIE MCCAULEY The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Boston Red Sox want to start the playoffs right now.

They feel unbeatable, ready to take on anybody.

Bring it on!

"This is what everyone's been waiting for all year, to be playing like this," center fielder all year, to be playing like this," center fielder Johnny Damon said. "And we see no signs of slowing down. . . It shows that we're for real. It shows everyone we're peaking at the right time — pitchers, hitters, defense."

No one would argue.

Boston played superbly in a three-game sweep of the Al. West-leading Oakland Althetics, a series that concluded with a convincing 8-3 win Wednesday night. It was the fourth straight victory for the Red Sox and 14th in 15 games. They're 26-5 in their last 31, including an 8-1 stretch against Al. West foes Anaheim, Texas and Oakland in the past three series.

Pedro Martinez hardly had to outpitch Tim

Hudson because Oakland's All-Star right-hander staked Boston to a huge lead himself.

Martinez pitched six innings of two-hit ball to win his third straight start.

"I don't think about Hudson. I think about my team and how hard they're going to make it for him," Martinez said. "We're ready to play anybody at any time right now. We're hot and we're rolling. Anybody who stands in front of us will have a hard time."

Boston pulled within two games in the AL East of the first-place New York Yankees for the first time since June 3. New York's doubleheader against Tampa Bay was postponed be-

Despite their first four-game losing streak since early July, the AL West-leading A's maintained a 1½-game lead over the Anaheim Angels, who lost 1-0 at home to Toronto.

Martinez (16-5) improved to 5-1 with a 1.25 ERA in seven regular-season starts in the Coliseum, and Hudson lost for the first time in 10 home starts this year. He lasted only three innings, allowing seven runs, six hits and a season-high five walks.

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David Ortiz hit a two-run single in the first for Boston, 8-1 this year against Oakland, the team it beat in last season's division series.

The Red Sox again showed their improved defense: First baseman Doug Mientkiewicz made an impressive backhanded diving catch in foul territory, then in the third he flipped the ball to Martinez for an out on Adam Melhuse's sharp grounder.

Twice, Martinez retired seven straight batters and he hasn't allowed a run in 16 innings. The win was his 117th with the Red Sox, tying him with Smoky Joe Wood for fifth in club his-

He's confident in Boston's chances if there's another first-round meeting with the

"They got us two games to nothing and we came back and beat them, so get used to it," he said of the 2003 division series.

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Royals score team-record 26 in opener, none in nightcap vs. Tigers

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